

MORPHOLINE DERIVATIVES WITH A SUBSTITUTED ACETAMIDE GROUP IN THE 2-POSITION  
FOR USE AS CCR-3 ANTAGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASES

### Novel Compounds

This invention relates to novel compounds, processes for their preparation, pharmaceutical formulations containing them and their use in  
5 therapy.

Inflammation is a primary response to tissue injury or microbial invasion and is characterised by leukocyte adhesion to the endothelium, diapedesis and activation within the tissue. Leukocyte activation can result in the generation of toxic oxygen species (such as superoxide anion), and the release of granule  
10 products (such as peroxidases and proteases). Circulating leukocytes include neutrophils, eosinophils, basophils, monocytes and lymphocytes. Different forms of inflammation involve different types of infiltrating leukocytes, the particular profile being regulated by the profile of adhesion molecule, cytokine and chemotactic factor expression within the tissue.

15 The primary function of leukocytes is to defend the host from invading organisms, such as bacteria and parasites. Once a tissue is injured or infected, a series of events occurs which causes the local recruitment of leukocytes from the circulation into the affected tissue. Leukocyte recruitment is controlled to allow for the orderly destruction and phagocytosis of foreign or dead cells,  
20 followed by tissue repair and resolution of the inflammatory infiltrate. However in chronic inflammatory states, recruitment is often inappropriate, resolution is not adequately controlled and the inflammatory reaction causes tissue destruction.

There is increasing evidence that the bronchial inflammation which is characteristic of asthma represents a specialised form of cell-mediated immunity,  
25 in which cytokine products, such as IL-4 and IL-5 released by T-helper 2 (Th2) lymphocytes, orchestrate the accumulation and activation of granulocytes, in particular eosinophils and to a lesser extent basophils. Through the release of cytotoxic basic proteins, pro-inflammatory mediators and oxygen radicals, eosinophils generate mucosal damage and initiate mechanisms that underlie  
30 bronchial hyperreactivity. Therefore, blocking the recruitment and activation of Th2 cells and eosinophils is likely to have anti-inflammatory properties in asthma. In addition, eosinophils have been implicated in other disease types such as rhinitis, eczema, irritable bowel syndrome and parasitic infections.

Chemokines are a large family of small proteins which are involved in  
35 trafficking and recruitment of leukocytes (for review see Luster, New Eng. J. Med., 338, 436-445 (1998)). They are released by a wide variety of cells and act to attract and activate various cell types, including eosinophils, basophils, neutrophils, macrophages, T and B lymphocytes. There are two major families of chemokines, CXC- ( $\alpha$ ) and CC- ( $\beta$ ) chemokines, classified according to the  
40 spacing of two conserved cysteine residues near to the amino terminus of the

chemokine proteins. Chemokines bind to specific cell surface receptors belonging to the family of G-protein-coupled seven transmembrane-domain proteins (for review see Luster, 1998). Activation of chemokine receptors results in, amongst other responses, an increase in intracellular calcium, changes in cell  
5 shape, increased expression of cellular adhesion molecules, degranulation and promotion of cell migration (chemotaxis).

To date a number of CC chemokine receptors have been identified and of particular importance to the current invention is the CC-chemokine receptor-3 (CCR-3), which is predominantly expressed on eosinophils, and also on  
10 basophils, mast cells and Th2 cells. Chemokines that act at CCR-3, such as RANTES, MCP-3 and MCP-4, are known to recruit and activate eosinophils. Of particular interest are eotaxin and eotaxin-2, which specifically bind to CCR-3. The localization and function of CCR-3 chemokines indicate that they play a central role in the development of allergic diseases such as asthma. Thus, CCR-  
15 3 is specifically expressed on all the major cell types involved in inflammatory allergic responses. Chemokines that act at CCR-3 are generated in response to inflammatory stimuli and act to recruit these cell types to sites of inflammation, where they cause their activation (e.g. Griffiths et al., J. Exp. Med., 179, 881-887 (1994), Lloyd et al., J. Exp. Med., 191, 265-273 (2000)). In addition, anti-CCR-3  
20 monoclonal antibodies completely inhibit eotaxin interaction with eosinophils (Heath, H. et al., J. Clin. Invest. 99 (2), 178-184 (1997)), while an antibody for the CCR-3 specific chemokine, eotaxin, reduced both bronchial hyperreactivity and lung eosinophilia in an animal model of asthma (Gonzalo et al., J. Exp. Med., 188, 157-167 (1998). Thus, many lines of evidence indicate that antagonists at  
25 the CCR-3 receptor are very likely to be of therapeutic use for the treatment of a range of inflammatory conditions.

In addition to a key role in inflammatory disorders, chemokines and their receptors also play a role in infectious disease. Mammalian cytomegaloviruses, herpes viruses and pox viruses express chemokine receptor homologues, which  
30 can be activated by human CC chemokines such as RANTES and MCP-3 receptors (for review see Wells and Schwartz, Curr. Opin. Biotech., 8, 741-748, 1997). In addition, human chemokine receptors, such as CXCR-4, CCR-5 and CCR-3, can act as co-receptors for the infection of mammalian cells by microbes such as human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV). Thus, chemokine receptor  
35 antagonists, including CCR-3 antagonists, may be useful in blocking infection of CCR-3 expressing cells by HIV or in preventing the manipulation of immune cellular responses by viruses such as cytomegaloviruses.

International Patent Application publication number WO 01/24786.  
(Shionogi & Co. Ltd.) discloses certain aryl and heteroaryl derivatives for treating  
40 diabetes. WO 00/69830 (Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies) discloses

certain diazacyclic compounds, and libraries containing them, for biological screening. WO 00/18767 (Neurogen Corporation) discloses certain piperazine derivatives as dopamine D4 receptor antagonists. United States Patent 6,031,097 and WO 99/21848 (Neurogen Corporation) discloses certain

5 aminoisoquinoline derivatives as dopamine receptor ligands. WO 99/06384 (Recordati Industria Chimica) discloses piperazine derivatives useful for the treatment of neuromuscular dysfunction of the lower urinary tract. WO 98/56771 (Schering Aktiengesellschaft) discloses certain piperazine derivatives as anti-inflammatory agents. WO 97/47601 (Yoshitomi Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.)

10 discloses certain fused heterocyclic compounds as dopamine D-receptor blocking agents. WO 96/39386 (Schering Corporation) discloses certain piperidine derivatives as neurokinin antagonists. WO 96/02534 (Byk Gulden Lomberg Chemische Fabrik GmbH) discloses certain piperazine thiopyridines useful for controlling helicobacter bacteria. WO 95/32196 (Merck Sharp &

15 Dohme Limited) discloses certain piperazine, piperidine, and tetrahydropyridine derivatives as 5-HT<sub>1D</sub>-alpha antagonists. United States Patent 5,389,635 (E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company) discloses certain substituted imadazoles as angiotensin-II antagonists. European Patent Application publication number 0 306 440 (Schering Aktiengesellschaft) discloses certain imidazole derivatives as

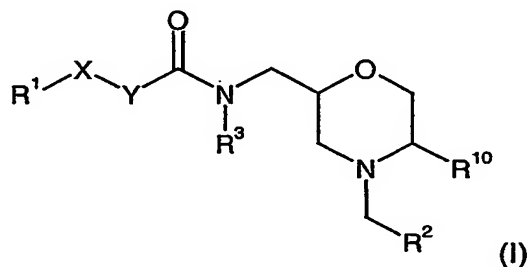
20 cardiovascular agents.

A novel group of compounds has now been found which are CCR-3 antagonists. These compounds block the migration/chemotaxis of eosinophils and thus possess anti-inflammatory properties. These compounds are therefore of potential therapeutic benefit, especially in providing protection from eosinophil,

25 basophil mast cell and Th2-cell-induced tissue damage in diseases where such cell types are implicated, particularly allergic diseases, including but not limited to bronchial asthma, allergic rhinitis and atopic dermatitis.

Thus, according to one aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds of formula (I):

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wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> represents substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

X represents -O- or a bond;

Y represents  $-(CR_{na}R_{nb})_n-$ ;

$R_{na}$  and  $R_{nb}$  are each independently hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

n is an integer from 1 to 5;

- 5  $R^2$  represents unsubstituted or substituted aryl or unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl;

$R^3$  represents hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$R^{10}$  represents hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

and salts and solvates thereof;

- 10 with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded;

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-phenylacetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-phenoxyacetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide;

- 15 2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylthio)-phenyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(dimethylamino)-phenyl]acetamide compound with formic acid (1:1);

- 20 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-[(dimethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl]acetamide compound with formic acid (1:1);

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide compound with formic acid (1:1)

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3-fluorophenyl)acetamide;

- 25 2-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-methyl]acetamide;

2-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-acetamide;

- 30 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-acetamide;

4-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-benzamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)-

- 35 -phenyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-methylphenyl)acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetamide;

- 40 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-

- acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,5-dichlorophenyl)-
- acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-
- 5 -acetamide;
- 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-
- acetamide trifluoroacetate;
- 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-
- acetamide;
- 10 2-(4-acetylphenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide
- trifluoroacetate;
- 2-(4-acetylphenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-isobutyrylphenyl)acetamide
- trifluoroacetate;
- 15 methyl 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-
- benzoate trifluoroacetate;
- methyl 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-
- benzoate;
- 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide
- 20 trifluoroacetate;
- 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]propanamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-
- acetamide trifluoroacetate;
- 25 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-
- phenyl]acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-
- phenyl]acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-[(4-methylpiperazin-
- 30 -1-yl)carbonyl]phenyl]acetamide;
- 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-
- [2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]benzamide;
- 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-
- N,N-dimethylbenzamide;
- 35 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-
- ethylbenzamide;
- 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-
- (2-hydroxyethyl)benzamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(morpholin-4-yl-
- 40 -carbonyl)phenyl]acetamide;

- N-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
N-[[[(2R)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(dimethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
5 N-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(dimethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-methylbenzamide;  
4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
10 -isopropylbenzamide;  
N-cyclopropyl-4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]benzamide;  
4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(2-methoxyethyl)benzamide;  
15 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetamide;  
N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetamide;  
methyl 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-benzoate;  
2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-  
20 -acetamide;  
N-[[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
25 N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-methyl]acetamide;  
N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(methylsulfonyl)-  
30 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
35 N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;  
N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]-phenyl}acetamide;  
40 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

- N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;
- 5 N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-[[[(methylamino)-carbonyl]amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;
- 10 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 15 N-[[4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 20 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-[[[(methylamino)carbonyl]-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 25 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-methyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 30 2-[2-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;  
 2-(3-cyanophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)acetamide;
- 35 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-acetamide;
- 40 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-acetamide;

- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-acetamide;
- N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)benzamide;
- 5 3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-N-(2-methoxyethyl)benzamide;
- 3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-N-ethylbenzamide;
- 3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-N,N-
- 10 dimethylbenzamide;
- 3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-N-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]benzamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)carbonyl]phenyl}acetamide;
- 15 2-(3-aminophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 2-(4-aminophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;
- N-{4-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-phenyl]2-methylpropanamide;
- 20 N-{3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-phenyl]2-methylpropanamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- 25 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- N-{3-[2-(([[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-phenyl]-2-(dimethylamino)acetamide;
- 2-[4-[bis(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-
- 30 yl]methyl]acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]acetamide;
- 35 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- 40 2-[2-amino-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-



- yl)methyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-  
 -[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2R)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-  
 5 -[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(methylamino)-  
 -sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(ethylamino)-  
 -sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 10 2-[3-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-  
 -yl)methyl}acetamide;  
 2-{3-[(cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl}-N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-  
 -morpholin-2-yl)methyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-[(ethylamino)-  
 15 -sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-[(methylamino)-  
 -sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-  
 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 20 N-(((2R)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-  
 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-  
 -yl)methyl]acetamide;  
 2-{4-[(cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl}-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-  
 25 -yl)methyl]acetamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-  
 -oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-(((2S)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino]-2-  
 -oxoethyl]-N-cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 30 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-  
 -oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-(((2S)-4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
 -cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-  
 35 -oxoethyl]benzamide, and;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-  
 -oxoethyl]benzamide.

Examples of the aryl group, R<sup>1</sup>, include phenyl.

When R<sup>1</sup> is substituted aryl, suitable substituents include C<sub>1</sub>-

- 40 <sub>6</sub>alkylsulphonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio; unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl; C<sub>3</sub>-

- 8cycloalkylsulphonylamino; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminocarbonylamino; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; amino; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonylamino; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonylamino;
- 5 R<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>NC(O)-, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may each independently represent hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may represent a -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>- group wherein p is an integer from 3 to 7 so that, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclyl ring is formed; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl; cyano; aminosulphonyl; aminocarbonyl; halo; carboxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, mono-and di-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino.
- 10 When R<sup>1</sup> is aryl substituted with unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, examples of such a heteroaryl group include pyrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, and triazolyl. Suitable substituents for such a heteroaryl group include C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl. Suitably, R<sup>1</sup> is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.
- 15 When R<sup>1</sup> is substituted phenyl, suitable substituents include C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio; unsubstituted pyrazolyl; unsubstituted and substituted oxadiazolyl; substituted triazolyl; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylsulphonylamino; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminocarbonylamino; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; cyano; amino; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonylamino; R<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>NC(O)-, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may each independently represent hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may represent a -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>- group wherein p is an integer from 3 to 7 so that, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclyl ring is formed; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl; aminosulphonyl; aminocarbonyl; halo; or carboxy.
- 25 More suitably, R<sup>1</sup> is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted with 4-(methanesulphonyl), 4-(methylcarbonylamino), 2,4,6-(trifluoro), 3-(methylthio), 2,5-(difluoro), 4-(pyrazol-1-yl), 3-(methanesulphonyl), 3-(2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-5-yl), 3-(1,3,4-oxadiazol-5-yl), 3-(2-methyl-1,3,4-triazol-5-yl), 4-(ethylcarbonylamino), 4-(methylaminocarbonyl), 4-(carboxy), 3-(*iso*-propanesulphonylamino), 3-(cyclopropanesulphonylamino), 3-(ethanesulphonylamino), 4-(methylaminocarbonylamino), 4-methanesulphonyl-2-methanesulphonylamino, 4-(ethylaminocarbonyl), 3-(N,N-dimethylaminosulphonyl), 4-(methanesulphonylaminomethyl), 3-(methanesulphonylamino), 3-(cyclopropylcarbonyl), 3-(methylcarbonyl), 3-(methoxycarbonyl), 3-(aminosulphonyl), 4-(methanesulphonylamino), 3-(methylaminocarbonyl), 3-(dimethylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylmethylaminocarbonyl), 4-(fluoro), 3-(amino), 4-(methylcarbonylamino), 3-(cyclopropylaminocarbonyl), 3-(methylcarbonylamino),
- 30

3-(ethylaminocarbonyl), 4-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl), 3-(ethoxycarbonyl), 4-cyano, 4-(aminosulphonyl), 4-(amido), 4-(chloro), or 3-(carboxy).

Suitably,  $R_{na}$  and  $R_{nb}$  are both hydrogen.

Suitably,  $n$  is 1, 2, or 3.

5 Suitably,  $R^{10}$  is hydrogen or methyl.

More suitably,  $R^{10}$  is hydrogen.

Suitably,  $R^3$  is hydrogen.

When  $R^2$  is aryl, examples include phenyl.

When  $R^2$  is substituted aryl, suitable substituents include cyano,

10 perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, amido, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di- $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, nitro,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonyl, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylthio-, mono- and di- $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, and  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonylamino.

When  $R^2$  is heteroaryl, examples include thiophenyl and pyridinyl.

When  $R^2$  is substituted heteroaryl, suitable substituents include cyano,

15 perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, amido, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di- $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, nitro,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonyl, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylthio-, mono- and di- $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, and  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonylamino.

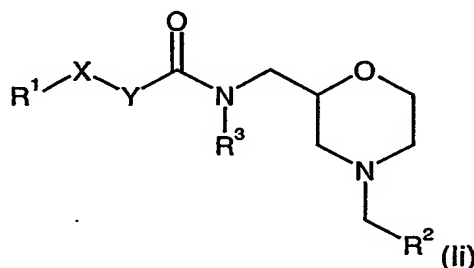
Suitably,  $R^2$  is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted thiophenyl, or unsubstituted or substituted pyridinyl.

20 When  $R^2$  is substituted phenyl suitable substituents include halo.

More suitably,  $R^2$  is phenyl substituted with chloro or fluoro, thiophenyl substituted with chloro, or pyridinyl.

Preferably,  $R^2$  is 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2,5-dichlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-fluoro-phenyl, 2-chlorothiophen-5-yl, or pyridin-3-yl.

25 A group of compounds of formula (I) which may be mentioned is that of formula (II)



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wherein:

$R^1$  represents substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

$X$  represents -O- or a bond;

$Y$  represents  $-(CR_{na}R_{nb})_n-$ ;

$R_{na}$  and  $R_{nb}$  are each independently hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$n$  is an integer from 1 to 5;

$R^2$  represents unsubstituted or substituted aryl or unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl;

5  $R^3$  represents hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

and salts and solvates thereof;

with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded;

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-phenylacetamide;

10 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-phenoxyacetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide;

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylthio)-

-phenyl]acetamide;

15 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(dimethylamino)-

-phenyl]acetamide compound with formic acid (1:1);

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-[(dimethylamino)-

-sulfonyl]phenyl]acetamide compound with formic acid (1:1);

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-

20 -phenyl]acetamide compound with formic acid (1:1)

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3-fluorophenyl)acetamide;

2-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-

-methyl]acetamide;

2-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

25 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-

-acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-

-acetamide;

4-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-

30 -benzamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)-

-phenyl]acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-methylphenyl)acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-

35 -acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-

-acetamide;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,5-dichlorophenyl)-

40 -acetamide;

- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-  
-acetamide;  
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-  
-acetamide trifluoroacetate;
- 5 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-  
-acetamide;  
2-(4-acetylphenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide  
trifluoroacetate;  
2-(4-acetylphenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 10 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)acetamide  
trifluoroacetate;  
methyl 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-  
-benzoate trifluoroacetate;  
methyl 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-
- 15 -benzoate;  
2-(4-cyanophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide  
trifluoroacetate;  
2-(4-cyanophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;  
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]propanamide;
- 20 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-  
-acetamide trifluoroacetate;  
N-[(2R)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-  
-phenyl]acetamide;  
N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-
- 25 phenyl]acetamide;  
N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(4-methylpiperazin-  
-1-yl)carbonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]benzamide;
- 30 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-  
-N,N-dimethylbenzamide;  
4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
-ethylbenzamide;  
4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-
- 35 -(2-hydroxyethyl)benzamide;  
N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[4-(morpholin-4-yl-  
-carbonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)-  
-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;
- 40 N-[(2R)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{4-[(dimethylamino)-

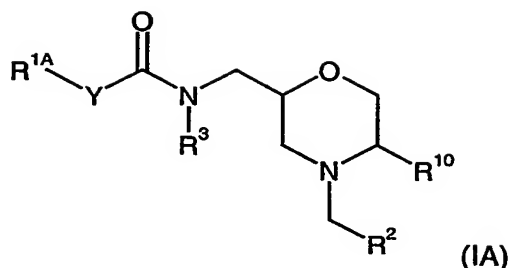
- sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;
- N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)-2-{4-[(dimethylamino)-
- sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;
- 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-
- 5 -methylbenzamide;
- 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-
- isopropylbenzamide;
- N-cyclopropyl-4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-
- oxoethyl]benzamide;
- 10 4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(2-
- methoxyethyl)benzamide;
- N-{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetamide;
- N-{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetamide;
- methyl 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-
- 15 -benzoate;
- 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-
- acetamide;
- N-{[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-
- amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- 20 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-
- acetamide;
- N-{[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-
- amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-
- 25 -methyl}acetamide;
- N-{[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{3-[(methylsulfonyl)-
- amino]phenyl}acetamide;
- N-{[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-
- phenyl]acetamide;
- 30 N-{[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-
- phenyl]acetamide;
- N-{[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-
- phenyl]acetamide;
- 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}acetamide;
- 35 N-{[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]-
- phenyl}acetamide;
- 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}acetamide;
- N-{[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-
- phenyl]acetamide;
- 40 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-

- acetamide;  
 N-{{4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-  
 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-{4-[(methylamino)-  
 5 -carbonyl]amino}phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-{4-(methylsulfonyl)-  
 -phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{{4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-  
 -yl}methyl}acetamide;  
 10 N-{{4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-  
 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-{3-[(methylsulfonyl)-  
 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{{4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-  
 15 -acetamide;  
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 -amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{{4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-  
 -acetamide;  
 20 N-{{4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-{4-[(methylamino)carbonyl]-  
 -amino}phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{{4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}-  
 -methyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-  
 25 -phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-{{4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-  
 -yl}methyl}acetamide;  
 2-[2-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{{4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-  
 -yl}methyl}acetamide;  
 30 2-(3-cyanophenyl)-N-{{4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-(2-fluorophenyl)acetamide;  
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 -acetamide;  
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 35 -acetamide;  
 N-{{4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-  
 -acetamide;  
 N-{{4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl}-2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-  
 -acetamide;  
 40 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-({4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl}methyl)amino]-2-

- oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(2-methoxyethyl)benzamide;  
 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
 5 -ethylbenzamide;  
 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N,N-dimethylbenzamide;  
 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]benzamide;  
 10 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{3-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)carbonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-(3-aminophenyl)-N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}acetamide;  
 2-(4-aminophenyl)-N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}acetamide;  
 2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-  
 15 -acetamide;  
 N-{4-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-phenyl}2-methylpropanamide;  
 N-{3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-phenyl}2-methylpropanamide;  
 20 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-{3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-  
 25 -phenyl}-2-(dimethylamino)acetamide;  
 2-[4-[bis(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}acetamide;  
 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 30 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]acetamide;  
 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide;  
 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{4-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 35 N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{3-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[2-amino-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-N-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-[(5-chlorothiien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-  
 40 -[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}acetamide;



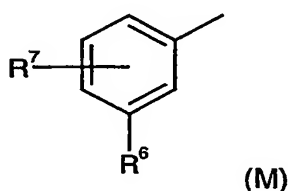
- N-(((2R)-4-[(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(methylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 5 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(ethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[3-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)acetamide;  
 2-[3-[(cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl]-N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-  
 10 -morpholin-2-yl)methyl)acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-[(ethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{3-[(methylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 15 N-(((2S)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-(((2R)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}acetamide;  
 2-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-  
 20 -yl)methyl]acetamide;  
 2-[4-[(cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl]acetamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 25 3-[2-(((2S)-4-[(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-N-cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-(((2S)-4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
 30 -cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl]benzamide, and;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl]benzamide.  
 35 There exists a subgroup of compounds of formula (I) being of formula (IA)



wherein

$R^{1A}$  is a moiety of formula (M)

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- wherein  $R^6$  represents  $C_{1-6}$ alkylthio, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl,  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylsulphonylamino; N,N-di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)aminosulphonyl,  $R^8R^9NC(O)-$
- 10 wherein  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  may each independently represent hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  may represent a  $-(CH_2)_q-$  group wherein q is an integer from 3 to 7 so that, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4 to 8-membered heterocycl ring is formed; unsubstituted heteroaryl; heteroaryl substituted with  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, or hydroxy;  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylaminosulphonyl;  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylcarbonyl; aminosulphonyl; carboxy;
- 15 mono-and di-( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)aminosulphonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino;  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl;  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylaminocarbonyl; aminocarbonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonyl; or  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonylamino;
- $R^7$  represents cyano, perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, or
- 20 hydroxy;
- $Y$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^{10}$  are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I);
- and the following compounds are excluded;
- N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-phenoxyacetamide;
- 2-[[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-
- 25 -methyl]acetamide;
- N-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;
- methyl 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]benzoate;
- 30 2-[[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

- 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 5 N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 10 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-methyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-({4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl}-methyl)acetamide;  
 N-({4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl}methyl)-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 15 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;
- 20 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-ethylbenzamide;  
 3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N,N-
- 25 -dimethylbenzamide;  
 N-{3-[2-({[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]phenyl}-2-methylpropanamide;  
 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 30 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-(((2R)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-[3-
- 35 -[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-[[4-(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-methyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-[(cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl]-N-[[4-(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 40 N-[[4-(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-[(ethylamino)-

- sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(methylamino)-  
 -sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-[[[(2S)-4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]amino]-2-  
 5 -oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-[[[(2S)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl]amino]-2-  
 -oxoethyl]-N-cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-[[[(2S)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]amino]-2-  
 oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 10 3-[2-[[[(2S)-4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]amino]-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
 -cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]amino]-2-  
 -oxoethyl]benzamide, and;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]amino]-2-  
 15 oxoethyl]benzamide.

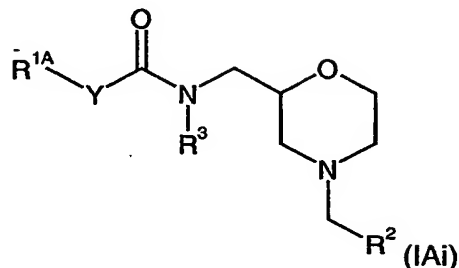
Suitably, R<sup>6</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, aminosulphonyl, carboxy, or mono- and di-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl.

Suitably, R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen.

- 20 Suitable groups R<sup>1A</sup> include phenyl substituted with 3-methylthio, 3-methanesulphonyl, 3-(2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-5-yl), 3-(1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl), 3-(2-methyl-1,3,4-triazol-5-yl), 3-(methylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylsulphonylamino), 3-(cyclopropylsulphonylamino), 3-(ethylsulphonylamino), 3-(*iso*-propylaminosulphonyl), 3-(methylsulphonylamino), 3-  
 25 (cyclopropylcarbonyl), 3-(methylcarbonyl), 3-(methoxycarbonyl), 3-(aminosulphonyl), 4-(methylsulphonylaminomethyl), 3-(methylaminocarbonyl), 3-(dimethylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylmethylaminocarbonyl), 4-(fluoro), 3-(amino), 4-(methylcarbonylamino), 3-(cyclopropylaminocarbonyl), 3-(methylcarbonylamino), 3-(ethylaminocarbonyl), 4-  
 30 (piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl), 3-(ethoxycarbonyl), 4-cyano, 4-(aminosulphonyl), 4-(amido), 4-(chloro) and 3-(carboxy).

- More suitably, R<sup>1A</sup> is phenyl substituted with 3-methylthio, 3-methanesulphonyl, 3-(2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-5-yl), 3-(1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl), 3-(2-methyl-1,3,4-triazol-5-yl), 3-(methylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-  
 35 propylsulphonylamino), 3-(cyclopropylsulphonylamino), 3-(ethylsulphonylamino), 3-(*iso*-propylaminosulphonyl), 3-(cyclopropylcarbonyl), 3-(methylcarbonyl), 3-(methoxycarbonyl), 3-(aminosulphonyl), 3-(methylaminocarbonyl), 3-(dimethylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylaminocarbonyl), 3-(*iso*-propylmethylaminocarbonyl), 3-(ethylaminocarbonyl), 3-(methylsulphonylamino),  
 40 or 3-(carboxy).

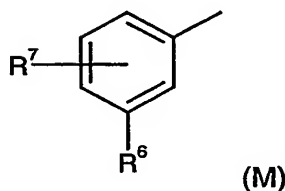
A subgroup of compounds of formula (Ii) which may be mentioned is that of formula (IAi)



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wherein

$R^{1A}$  is a moiety of formula (M)



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wherein  $R^6$  represents  $R^8R^9NC(O)-$  wherein  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  may each independently represent hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  may represent a  $-(CH_2)_q-$  group wherein  $q$  is an integer from 3 to 7 so that, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclyl ring is formed;

15 unsubstituted heteroaryl; heteroaryl substituted with  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, or hydroxy;  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylaminosulphonyl;  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylcarbonyl; aminosulphonyl; carboxy; mono- and di- $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)aminosulphonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino;  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl;  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylaminocarbonyl; aminocarbonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonyl; or  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonylamino;  $R^7$  represents cyano, perhalo $C_{1-}$

20  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, or hydroxy;

$Y$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I);

and the following compounds are excluded;

N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-phenoxyacetamide;

2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-

25 -methyl]acetamide;

N-[[[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)-sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;

methyl 3-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]benzoate;

30 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;

- 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 5 N-[[4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide;
- 10 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]-methyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-([4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]-methyl)acetamide;  
 N-([4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl)-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 15 2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-N-[[4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-acetamide;  
 N-[[4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;
- 20 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-N-ethylbenzamide;  
 3-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-N,N-
- 25 -dimethylbenzamide;  
 N-{3-[2-([4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]phenyl}-2-methylpropanamide;  
 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl]acetamide;
- 30 N-[[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]-2-[3-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-(((2S)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-[3-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 N-(((2R)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-[3-
- 35 -[(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]acetamide;  
 2-[3-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)-methyl)acetamide;  
 2-[3-[(cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl]-N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-morpholin-2-yl)methyl)acetamide;
- 40 N-(((2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)-2-[3-[(ethylamino)-

- sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-{[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2-{3-[(methylamino)-  
 -sulfonyl]phenyl}acetamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-({[(2S)-4-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-  
 5 -oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 3-[2-({[(2S)-4-[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)methyl]morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-  
 -oxoethyl]-N-cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-({[(2S)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-  
 oxoethyl]benzamide;  
 10 3-[2-({[(2S)-4-(3-chlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-  
 -cyclopropylbenzamide;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-({[(2S)-4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-  
 -oxoethyl]benzamide, and;  
 N-cyclopropyl-3-[2-({[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}amino)-2-  
 15 oxoethyl]benzamide.

Suitable compounds of the invention are Examples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 77, 81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 88, 89, and 90.

- Preferred compounds of the invention are Examples 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11,  
 20 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29, 31, 35, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65,  
 77, 85, 87, 88, 89, and 90.

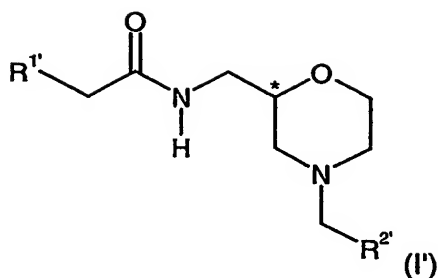
More preferred compounds of the invention are Examples 13, 88, 14, 1, 4, 35, 29, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 55, 57, 59, 85, and 87.

- Suitable salts of the compounds of formula (I) include physiologically  
 25 acceptable salts and salts which may not be physiologically acceptable but may  
 be useful in the preparation of compounds of formula (I) and physiologically  
 acceptable salts thereof. If appropriate, acid addition salts may be derived from  
 inorganic or organic acids, for example hydrochlorides, hydrobromides,  
 sulphates, phosphates, acetates, benzoates, citrates, succinates, lactates,  
 30 tartrates, fumarates, maleates, 1-hydroxy-2-naphthoates, palmoates,  
 methanesulphonates, formates or trifluoroacetates.

Examples of solvates include hydrates.

- There exists a preferred subgroup of compounds of formula (I) being of  
 formula (I')

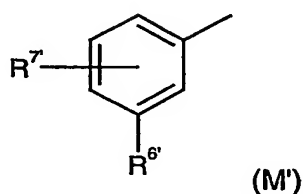
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wherein:

R<sup>1'</sup> is a moiety of formula (M')

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wherein R<sup>6'</sup> represents R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>NC(O)-, where R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are as previously defined;  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-</sub>

10 <sub>6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino; carboxy; or aminosulphonyl;

R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen or halo, and;

R<sup>2'</sup> is phenyl substituted by halo.

Suitably, R<sup>1'</sup> is phenyl substituted with C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-</sub>  
6alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, aminosulphonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino,  
15 carboxy, or mono- or di-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl.

Preferably, R<sup>1'</sup> is 3-(cyclopropylcarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(methylcarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(aminosulphonyl)phenyl, 3-carboxyphenyl, 3-(methylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(methylsulphonylamino)phenyl, 3-(dimethylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(ethylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(*iso*-propylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, or 3-(*iso*-propyl(methyl)aminocarbonyl)phenyl.

Suitably, R<sup>2'</sup> is phenyl substituted by chloro or fluoro.

Preferably, R<sup>2'</sup> is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

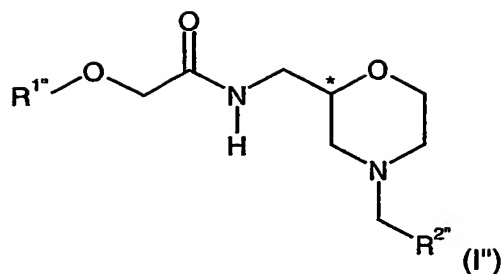
25 Preferably, the stereochemistry at the position marked '\*' is (S).

Accordingly, there is provided a compound of formula (I') or a salt or solvate thereof.

There exists a further preferred subgroup of compounds of formula (I) being of formula (I'')

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wherein;

$R^{1''}$  is substituted phenyl, and;

5  $R^{2''}$  is phenyl substituted with halo.

Suitably,  $R^{1''}$  is phenyl substituted with  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonylamino,  $R^4R^5NCO$  (where  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are as previously defined),  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino, cyano, aminosulphonyl, aminocarbonyl, halo, or amino.

10 Preferably,  $R^{1''}$  is 3-(cyclopropylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(methylcarbonylamino)phenyl, 3-(ethylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, 3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl, 3-carboxyphenyl, 3-(methanesulphonylamino)phenyl, 3-(methylaminocarbonyl)phenyl, 4-(methylcarbonylamino)phenyl, 4-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)phenyl or 3-aminophenyl.

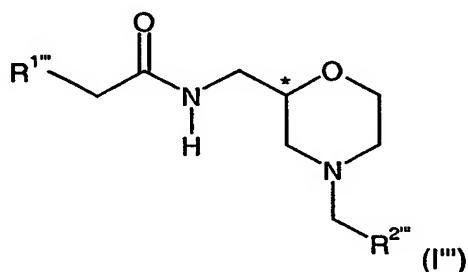
15 Suitably,  $R^{2''}$  is phenyl substituted with chloro.

Preferably,  $R^{2''}$  is 3,4-dichlorophenyl.

Suitably, the stereochemistry at the position marked '\*' is (S).

Accordingly, there is provided a compound of formula (I'') or a salt or solvate thereof.

20 There exists a further preferred subgroup of compounds of formula (I) being of formula (I''')



25 wherein:

$R^{1'''}$  is 4-substituted phenyl, and;

$R^{2'''}$  is phenyl substituted by halo.

Suitably, R<sup>1''</sup> is phenyl substituted at the 4- or para position with C<sub>1</sub>-alkylsulphonylaminoalkyl.

Preferably, R<sup>1''</sup> is 4-(methanesulphonylaminoethyl)phenyl.

Suitably, R<sup>2''</sup> is phenyl substituted by chloro or fluoro.

5 Preferably, R<sup>2''</sup> is 3,4-difluorophenyl.

Preferably, the stereochemistry at the position marked '\*' is (S).

Accordingly, there is provided a compound of formula (I'') or a salt or solvate thereof.

10 Certain of the compounds of formula (I) may contain chiral atoms and/or multiple bonds, and hence may exist in one or more stereoisomeric forms. The present invention encompasses all of the stereoisomers of the compounds of formula (I), including geometric isomers and optical isomers, whether as individual stereoisomers or as mixtures thereof including racemic modifications.

15 Generally it is preferred that a compound of formula (I) is in the form of a single enantiomer or diastereoisomer.

Certain of the compounds of formula (I) may exist in one of several tautomeric forms. It will be understood that the present invention encompasses all of the tautomers of the compounds of formula (I) whether as individual tautomers or as mixtures thereof.

20 References to 'aryl' refer to monocyclic and bicyclic carbocyclic aromatic rings, for example naphthyl and phenyl, especially phenyl.

Suitable substituents for any aryl group include 1 to 5, suitably 1 to 3, substituents selected from the list consisting of alkylsulphonyl; alkylthio; unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl; cycloalkylsulphonylamino; 25 alkylaminocarbonylamino; alkylaminosulphonyl; perhaloalkyl; cycloalkylaminosulphonyl; heterocyclylcarbonyl; alkylsulphonylaminoalkyl; cyano; amino; cycloalkylcarbonyl; alkylcarbonyl; alkylsulphonylamino; cycloalkylaminocarbonyl; aminocarbonyl; halo; alkyl; alkoxycarbonyl; mono- and di-(alkyl)aminocarbonyl; alkoxy; nitro; alkylsulphonyl; hydroxy; alkoxyalkyl; 30 alkylthio; mono- and di-(alkyl)amino; and alkylcarbonylamino.

References to 'heteroaryl' refer to heterocyclic aromatic rings containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur. Examples of heterocyclic aromatic rings include thiophenyl, pyrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, and triazolyl.

35 Suitable substituents for any heteroaryl group include cyano, perhaloalkyl, amido, halo, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, alkoxy, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, hydroxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, mono- and di-(alkyl)amino, and alkylcarbonylamino.

References to 'alkyl' refer to both straight chain and branched chain aliphatic isomers of the corresponding alkyl, suitably containing up to six carbon atoms.

References to 'cycloalkyl' refer to saturated alicyclic rings suitably containing 3-8 carbon atoms, for example cyclopropyl.

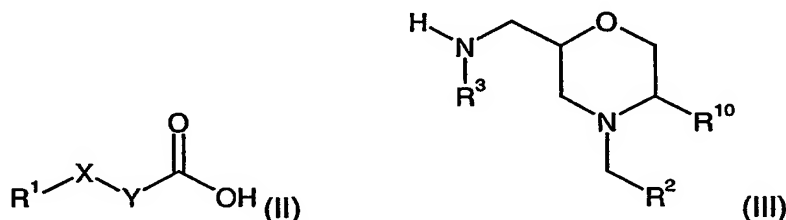
References to 'heterocyclyl' refer to monocyclic heterocyclic aliphatic rings containing 2 to 6, suitably 3 to 5, carbon atoms, and 1 to 3, heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulphur. Examples of heterocyclic rings include piperidinyl.

Suitable substituents for any heterocyclyl group include cycloalkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylsulphonylamino, alkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylaminocarbonyl, halo, alkoxy, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, hydroxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, mono- and di-(alkyl)amino, and alkylcarbonylamino.

References to 'halogen' or 'halo' refer to iodo, bromo, chloro or fluoro, especially fluoro and chloro.

The compounds of formula (I) and salts and solvates thereof may be prepared by the methodology described hereinafter, constituting a further aspect of this invention.

Accordingly, there is provided a process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) which process comprises the reaction of a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (III);



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wherein;

$R^1$ , X, Y,  $R^3$ ,  $R^{10}$ , and  $R^2$  are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I) in the presence of a peptide coupling agent, and, if necessary, an activating agent and thereafter, if required, carrying out one or more of the following optional steps:

- 30 (i) converting a compound of formula (I) to a further compound of formula (I);
- (ii) removing any necessary protecting group;
- (iii) preparing a salt or solvate of the compound so formed.

Suitably, the activating agent is 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt).

Examples of peptide coupling agents are 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC); 2-ethoxy-1-ethoxycarbonyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (EEDQ) and 1-(3-

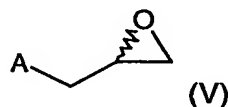
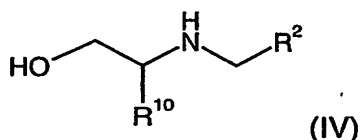
dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide, or a salt thereof. Suitably, the peptide coupling agent is 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride.

Typically, the compound of formula (II) and the compound of formula (III) in a suitable solvent, such as a polar organic solvent, e.g. N,N-

5 dimethylformamide are treated with a peptide coupling agent at ambient temperature, such as about 18 - 25°C. The reaction mixture is stirred at ambient temperature for an appropriate time period, such as about 12 - 20 hours.

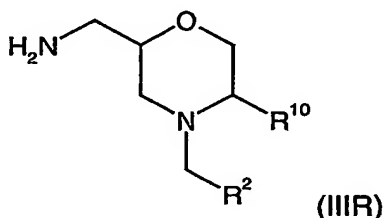
A compound of formula (III) wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen may be prepared either by Reaction (a) or Reaction (c). The S-enantiomer of a compound of  
10 formula (III) may be prepared by Reaction (b).

Reaction (a). Reaction of the compound of formula (IV) with a compound of formula (V)



wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I) and A is a protected amino group, suitably phthalimido, followed by deprotection of the amino group to give a compound of formula (III) wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen i.e. a compound of formula (IIIR)

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wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are as hereinbefore defined, and optionally resolution of the resulting enantiomers of a compound of formula (IIIR);

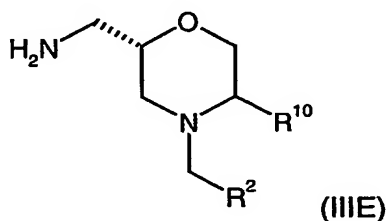
25 or;

Reaction (b). Reaction of a compound of formula (IV) as hereinbefore defined with a compound of formula (VA)



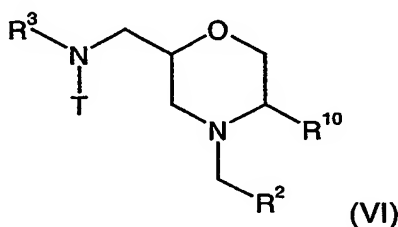
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wherein A is as hereinbefore defined for formula (V), followed by deprotection of the amino group to give the corresponding enantiomer of a compound of formula (III) wherein  $R^3$  is hydrogen i.e. a compound of formula (IIIE)



wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^{10}$  are as hereinbefore defined.

Reaction (c). Hydrolysis of a compound of formula (VI);



wherein T is trifluoroacetyl, and  $R^3$ ,  $R^{10}$ , and  $R^2$  are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I), and optionally resolution of the resulting enantiomers of a compound of formula (III).

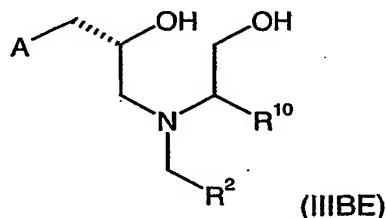
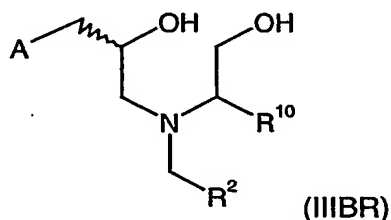
For both reactions (a) and (b), the reaction between the compound of formula (IV) and a compound of formula (V) or (VA) is typically carried out under the Mitsunobu conditions as follows:

Typically, a mixture of the compound of formula (IV) and the compound of formula (V) or formula (VA) in a suitable solvent, such as tetrahydrofuran, is stirred, suitably for 20-24 hours at a suitable temperature, suitably the reflux temperature of the solvent, under an inert atmosphere, suitably an atmosphere of nitrogen. Further solvent is then added and the mixture cooled, suitably to 0-5°C. A suitable phosphine, suitably triphenyl phosphine, is added and the mixture stirred until all the solid is dissolved. An azo compound, suitably diisopropylazodicarboxylate, is then added over a period of time, suitably, 10-15 minutes, while maintaining the temperature at <7°C. The mixture is allowed to stand for a period of time, suitably 2-3 hours, then allowed to warm, suitably to 20-25°C. After a further period of standing, suitably 4-6 hours, further phosphine and azo compounds are added. After a further period of standing, suitably 20-24 hours, the reaction mixture is concentrated to near dryness. A suitable alcohol, suitably propan-2-ol, is added and the concentration step repeated; the alcohol

addition and concentration step is then repeated. Further alcohol is then added and the mixture heated to a temperature suitably between 65-75°C. After a suitable period, suitably 20 - 45 minutes, the resultant slurry is cooled, suitably to 20-25°C, and then allowed to stand, suitably for 1.5 - 3 hours, after which time  
 5 the product is isolated by filtration. The filter bed is washed with more alcohol and then dried *in vacuo* at 35-45°C to yield the protected form of the compound of formula (IIIR) or formula (IIIE) respectively.

The removal of the protecting group from the product is typically carried out as follows. A slurry of the protected form of the compound of formula (IIIR) or  
 10 formula (IIIE) in an appropriate polar solvent, suitably water, is heated to elevated temperature, suitably 70-75°C and then treated dropwise with a concentrated mineral acid, suitably concentrated sulphuric acid. The mixture is then heated at elevated temperature, suitably the reflux temperature of the solvent, for a suitable period of time, suitably 20-24 hours, after which the  
 15 reaction mixture is cooled to 20-25°C and then treated with a suitable apolar solvent, suitably dichloromethane. A base, suitably 0.880 ammonia solution, is then added dropwise, maintaining the temperature between 20-25°C. Further apolar solvent is then added, the aqueous phase then being separated and extracted with further apolar solvent. The combined organic phase is washed  
 20 with water and then evaporated to dryness. The residue is redissolved and the apolar solvent evaporated to give the compound of formula (IIIR) or formula (IIIE).

The process for the preparation of the protected form of the compound of formula (IIIR) or formula (IIIE) described above may also be undertaken in two  
 25 stages, in which an intermediate compound of formula (IIIBR) or of formula (IIIBE) respectively;



30 wherein A is as hereinbefore defined for formulae (V) and (VA) and R² and R¹⁰ are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I);  
 is isolated.

Typically, a mixture of the compound of formula (IV) and a compound of formula (V) or formula (VA) in a suitable solvent, such as tetrahydrofuran, is  
 35 stirred, suitably for 20-24 hours at a suitable temperature, suitably the reflux temperature of the solvent, under an inert atmosphere, suitably an atmosphere of

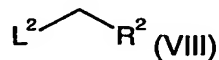
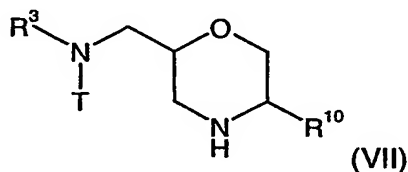
nitrogen. Further compound of formula (IV) is added and the mixture heated at a suitable temperature, suitably the reflux temperature of the solvent, under an inert atmosphere, suitably an atmosphere of nitrogen, for a suitable period of time, suitably 3-6 hours. The reaction mixture is then cooled, suitably to 20-25°C, and the compound precipitated by means of addition of a suitable co-solvent, suitably diisopropyl ether. The compound of formula (IIIBR) or formula (IIIBE) respectively is isolated by filtration, washed with further co-solvent and dried *in vacuo*.

A protected form of the compound of formula (IIIR) or formula (IIIE) may then be prepared from a compound of formula (IIIBR) or formula (IIIBE) under similar conditions to those of the reaction between a compound of formula (IV) and formulae (V) or (VA) as hereinbefore described, but omitting the the reflux period prior to the addition of the phosphine and azo compounds.

Reaction (c) is typically carried out by stirring a solution of the compound of formula (VI) in a suitable solvent, for example a mixture of methanol and water, and adding a suitable base, for example potassium carbonate. The mixture is stirred at a suitable temperature, for example those in the range 20-25°C for a suitable time, for example 16-20 hours followed by removal of the organic solvent *in vacuo*. Water is then added and the mixture extracted with a suitable organic solvent, for example ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases are washed with water and saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution before drying over a suitable drying agent, for example sodium sulphate, filtering and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*. The crude product is then purified by flash chromatography.

The resolution of the compound of formula (IIIE) from the racemic product i.e. the compound of formula (IIIR) may be undertaken using techniques well known to those skilled in the art, for example preparative chiral high performance liquid chromatography (chiral HPLC) or by fractional crystallisation of diastereoisomeric salts.

A compound of formula (VI) may be prepared by reaction of a compound of formula (VII) with a compound of formula (VIII)

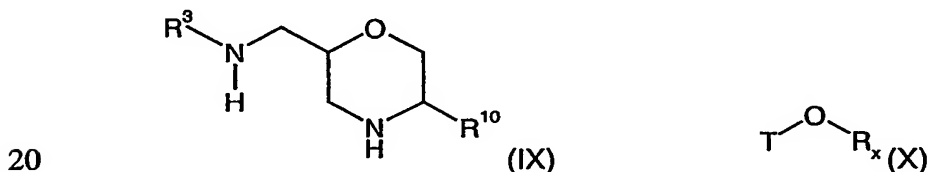


wherein;

T, R³, R¹⁰, and R² are as hereinbefore defined for formula (VI) and L² is a leaving group. A suitable leaving group, L² is a halo group such as chloro.

The reaction between a compound of formula (VII) and a compound of formula (VIII) is typically carried out by stirring a solution of the compound of formula (VII) in a suitable solvent, for example N,N-dimethylformamide, under an inert atmosphere, for example an atmosphere of nitrogen, with the addition of a suitable base, for example potassium carbonate, and a suitable activating agent such as sodium iodide. A solution of a compound of formula (VIII) in a suitable solvent, such as N,N-dimethylformamide, is added dropwise to the mixture. The mixture is then stirred at a suitable temperature, for example a temperature in the range of 20-25°C, for a suitable period of time, for example 16-20 hours before removing the volatile components in vacuo. The residue is partitioned between a suitable organic solvent, for example dichloromethane, and a saturated aqueous base, for example saturated aqueous sodium carbonate solution. The organic phase is then washed with additional saturated aqueous base and water before drying over a suitable drying agent, for example magnesium sulphate, filtering and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo to yield the crude product. The crude product is purified by flash chromatography.

A compound of formula (VII) may be prepared by reaction of a compound of formula (IX) with a compound of formula (X);

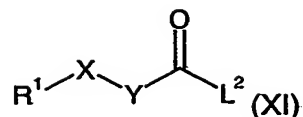


wherein R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, and T are as hereinbefore defined for formula (VI) and R<sub>x</sub> is an alkyl group, suitably ethyl.

The reaction between a compound of formula (IX) and a compound of formula (X) is typically carried out by stirring a solution of a compound of formula (IX) in a suitable organic solvent, for example methanol, under an inert atmosphere, for example an atmosphere of nitrogen, and then adding a solution of a compound of formula (X) in a suitable organic solvent, for example ether. The mixture is then stirred for a suitable period of time, for example 20-40 minutes at a suitable temperature, for example a temperature in the range of 20-25°C and the volatile components removed in vacuo. The residue is then dissolved in a suitable organic solvent, for example methanol, and the volatile components removed in vacuo.

Additionally, and in a further aspect, a compound of formula (I) may be prepared by reaction of a compound of formula (XI) with a compound of formula (III);





wherein  $\text{L}^2$  is a leaving group, and  $\text{R}^1$ , X, and Y are as hereinbefore defined for formula (I), and thereafter, if required, carrying out one or more of the following

5 optional steps:

- (i) converting a compound of formula (I) to a further compound of formula (I);
- (ii) removing any necessary protecting group;
- (iii) preparing a salt or solvate of the compound so formed.

Suitable leaving groups are halo groups, preferably bromo.

- 10 Typically, the reaction between a compound of formula (III) and a compound of formula (XI) is carried out in a suitable solvent, such as a polar organic solvent, e.g. acetonitrile, in the presence of a suitable base, such as an alkali or alkaline earth metal carbonate, e.g. potassium carbonate, at a suitable temperature, such as ambient temperature, e.g. 18 - 25°C for a suitable time
- 15 period, e.g. 2 - 4 hours.

The compounds of formulae (II), certain compounds of formula (III), certain compounds of formula (IV), (V), certain compounds of formula (VI), certain compounds of formula (VII), (VIII), (IX), (X), and (XI) are known, commercially available compounds, or may be prepared by analogy with known

20 procedures, for examples those disclosed in standard reference texts of synthetic methodology such as *J. March, Advanced Organic Chemistry, 3rd Edition (1985), Wiley Interscience*.

The compounds of formulae (IIIBR), and (IIIBE) are considered to be novel.

- 25 Accordingly, there is provided a compound of formula (IIIBE).

There is also provided a compound of formula (IIIBR).

- The above mentioned conversion of a compound of formula (I) into another compound of formula (I) includes any conversion which may be effected using conventional procedures, but in particular the said conversions include
- 30 converting one group  $\text{R}^1$  into another group  $\text{R}^1$ .

The above mentioned conversion may be carried out using any appropriate method under conditions determined by the particular groups chosen. Thus, suitable conversions of one group  $\text{R}^1$  into another group  $\text{R}^1$  include:

- 35 (a) converting a group  $\text{R}^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with an alkoxy carbonyl group into a group  $\text{R}^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with a carboxy group; such a conversion may be carried out using an appropriate

conventional hydrolysis procedure, for example treating an appropriately protected compound of formula (I) with an appropriate base;

- (b) converting a group  $R^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with a carboxy group into a group  $R^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with an amido group; such a conversion may be carried out using an appropriate conventional amination procedure, for example treating an appropriately protected compound of formula (I) with a suitable amine in the presence of a suitable peptide coupling agent and, if required, a suitable activating agent;
- (c) converting a group  $R^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with an alkoxy-carbonylamino group into a group  $R^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with amino group; such a conversion may be carried out using an appropriate conventional deprotection procedure, for example treating an appropriately protected compound of formula (I) with a suitable mineral acid, and;
- (d) converting a group  $R^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with an amino group into a group  $R^1$  which represents an aryl group substituted with alkylsulphonylamino group; such a conversion may be carried out using an appropriate conventional sulphonylation procedure, for example treating an appropriately protected compound of formula (I) with a suitable alkylsulphonyl halide in the presence of a suitable base.

- 20 The above mentioned conversions may as appropriate be carried out on any of the intermediate compounds mentioned herein.

The above mentioned conversions may as appropriate be carried out on any of the intermediate compounds mentioned herein.

- Suitable protecting groups in any of the above mentioned reactions are those used conventionally in the art. The methods of formation and removal of such protecting groups are those conventional methods appropriate to the molecule being protected, for example those methods discussed in standard reference texts of synthetic methodology such as *P J Kocienski, Protecting Groups, (1994), Thieme*.

- 30 For any of the hereinbefore described reactions or processes, conventional methods of heating and cooling may be employed, for example electric heating mantles and ice/salt baths respectively. Conventional methods of purification, for example crystallisation and column chromatography may be used as required.

- 35 Where appropriate individual isomeric forms of the compounds of formula (I) may be prepared as individual isomers using conventional procedures such as the fractional crystallisation of diastereoisomeric derivatives or chiral high performance liquid chromatography (chiral HPLC).

- The absolute stereochemistry of compounds may be determined using conventional methods, such as X-ray crystallography.

The salts and solvates of the compounds of formula (I) may be prepared and isolated according to conventional procedures.

Compounds of the invention may be tested for in vitro biological activity in accordance with the following assay:

5 (a) CCR-3 Binding Assay

A CCR-3 competition binding SPA (scintillation proximity assay) was used to assess the affinity of novel compounds for CCR-3. Membranes prepared from K562 cells stably expressing CCR-3 (2.5µg/well) were mixed with  
10 0.25mg/well wheat-germ agglutinin SPA beads (Amersham) and incubated in binding buffer (HEPES 50 mM, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 1 mM, MgCl<sub>2</sub> 5 mM, 0.5% BSA) at 4°C for 1.5 hr. Following incubation, 20 pM of [<sup>125</sup>I] eotaxin (Amersham) and increasing concentrations of compound (1pM to 30µM) were added and incubated in a 96 well plate for 2 hr at 22°C then counted on a Microbeta plate counter. The total assay volume was 100 µl. Competition binding data were analysed by fitting the  
15 data with a four parameter logistic equation. Data are presented as the mean pIC<sub>50</sub> values (negative logarithm of the concentration of compound which inhibits [<sup>125</sup>I]eotaxin binding by 50%) from at least two experiments.

The compounds of the Examples were tested in the CCR-3 binding assay. The compounds of the Examples tested in the CCR-3 binding assay  
20 possessed pIC<sub>50</sub> values in the range 6.0 to 8.7.

(b) Eosinophil Chemotaxis Assay.

Compounds were evaluated for their inhibitory effect on eosinophil chemotaxis. Eosinophils were purified from human peripheral blood by standard CD16 cell depletion using a Miltenyi cell separation column and a magnetic  
25 Super Macs magnet as previously described (Motegi & Kita, 1998; J.Immunology. 161:4340-6). Cells were re-suspended in RPMI 1640/10% FCS solution and incubated with calcein-AM (Molecular Probes) at 37°C for 30 mins. Following incubation, the eosinophils were centrifuged at 400g for 5 min and re-suspended in RPMI/FCS at 2.2 million/ml. Cells were then incubated in the  
30 presence of increasing concentration of compounds (1 pM to 30 µM) at 37°C for 30 mins. For control responses cells were incubated with RPMI/FCS only. The agonist eotaxin (an EC<sub>80</sub> concentration) was added to the lower chamber of a 96 well chemotaxis plate (5 µm filter: Receptor Technologies). Eosinophils (50 µl of 2 million/ml cells) were added to the top chamber of the filter plate and incubated  
35 at 37°C for 45 mins. Cells remaining on top of the chemotaxis filter were removed and the number of eosinophils which had migrated were quantified by reading the plate on a fluorescent plate reader. Inhibition curves for the effect of compounds on eosinophil chemotaxis were analysed by fitting the data with a four parameter logistic equation. Functional pK<sub>i</sub> values (fpK<sub>i</sub>) were generated

using the equation below (Lazareno & Birdsall, 1995. Br.J.Pharmacol 109: 1110-9).

$$fpKi = \frac{IC_{50}}{1 + \frac{[Agonist]}{EC_{50}}}$$

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The compounds of the Examples were tested in the CCR-3 binding and/or eosinophil chemotaxis assays (assays (a) and (b)). The compounds of the Examples tested in the CCR-3 binding assay possessed pIC<sub>50</sub> values in the range 6.6 - 9.1. The compounds of the Examples tested in the CCR-3 eosinophil chemotaxis assay possessed fpKi values such as those given in the table below:

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| Example No. | fpKi |
|-------------|------|
| 57          | 8.8  |
| 47          | 8.1  |
| 51          | 8.0  |

Examples of disease states in which the compounds of the invention have potentially beneficial anti-inflammatory effects include diseases of the respiratory tract such as bronchitis (including chronic bronchitis), bronchiectasis, asthma (including allergen-induced asthmatic reactions), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis, sinusitis and rhinitis. Also included are diseases of the gastrointestinal tract such as intestinal inflammatory diseases including inflammatory bowel disease (e.g. Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis) and intestinal inflammatory diseases secondary to radiation exposure or allergen exposure.

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Furthermore, compounds of the invention may be used to treat nephritis; skin diseases such as psoriasis, eczema, allergic dermatitis and hypersensitivity reactions; and diseases of the central nervous system which have an inflammatory component (eg. Alzheimer's disease, meningitis, multiple sclerosis), HIV and AIDS dementia.

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Compounds of the present invention may also be of use in the treatment of nasal polyposis, conjunctivitis or pruritis.

Further examples of disease states in which compounds of the invention have potentially beneficial effects include cardiovascular conditions such as atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular disease and idiopathic hypereosinophilic syndrome.

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Compounds of the invention may be useful as immunosuppressive agents and so have use in the treatment of auto-immune diseases such as allograft tissue rejection after transplantation, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes.

Compounds of the invention may also be useful in inhibiting metastasis.

5 Diseases of principal interest include asthma, COPD and inflammatory diseases of the upper respiratory tract involving seasonal and perennial rhinitis.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that references herein to treatment or therapy extend to prophylaxis as well as the treatment of established conditions.

10 As mentioned above, compounds of formula (I) are useful as therapeutic agents.

There is thus provided as a further aspect of the invention a compound of formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof for use as an active therapeutic agent.

15 There is also therefore provided a compound of formula (I), or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, for use in the treatment of inflammatory conditions, e.g. asthma or rhinitis.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided the use of a compound of formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof  
20 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of inflammatory conditions, eg. asthma or rhinitis.

In a further or alternative aspect there is provided a method for the treatment of a human or animal subject suffering from or susceptible to an inflammatory condition e.g. asthma or rhinitis, which method comprises  
25 administering an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

The compounds according to the invention may be formulated for administration in any convenient way.

There is thus further provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a  
30 compound of formula (I), or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, and optionally one or more physiologically acceptable diluents or carriers.

There is also provided a process for preparing such a pharmaceutical formulation which comprises admixing the compound of formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof with one or more physiologically  
35 acceptable diluents or carriers.

The compounds according to the invention may, for example, be formulated for oral, inhaled, intranasal, buccal, parenteral or rectal administration, preferably for oral administration.

Tablets and capsules for oral administration may contain conventional  
40 excipients such as binding agents, for example syrup, acacia, gelatin, sorbitol,

tragacanth, mucilage of starch, cellulose or polyvinyl pyrrolidone; fillers, for example, lactose, microcrystalline cellulose, sugar, maize- starch, calcium phosphate or sorbitol; lubricants, for example, magnesium stearate, stearic acid, talc, polyethylene glycol or silica; disintegrants, for example, potato starch, 5 croscarmellose sodium or sodium starch glycollate; or wetting agents such as sodium lauryl sulphate. The tablets may be coated according to methods well known in the art.

Oral liquid preparations may be in the form of, for example, aqueous or oily suspensions, solutions, emulsions, syrups or elixirs, or may be presented as 10 a dry product for constitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may contain conventional additives such as suspending agents, for example, sorbitol syrup, methyl cellulose, glucose/sugar syrup, gelatin, hydroxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, aluminium stearate gel or hydrogenated edible fats; emulsifying agents, for example, lecithin, sorbitan 15 mono-oleate or acacia; non-aqueous vehicles (which may include edible oils), for example almond oil, fractionated coconut oil, oily esters, propylene glycol or ethyl alcohol; or preservatives, for example, methyl or propyl p- hydroxybenzoates or sorbic acid. The preparations may also contain buffer salts, flavouring, colouring and/or sweetening agents (e.g. mannitol) as appropriate.

20 For buccal administration the compositions may take the form of tablets or lozenges formulated in conventional manner.

The compounds may also be formulated as suppositories, e.g. containing conventional suppository bases such as cocoa butter or other glycerides.

The compounds according to the invention may also be formulated for 25 parenteral administration by bolus injection or continuous infusion and may be presented in unit dose form, for instance as ampoules, vials, small volume infusions or pre-filled syringes, or in multidose containers with an added preservative. The compositions may take such forms as solutions, suspensions, or emulsions in aqueous or non-aqueous vehicles, and may contain formulatory 30 agents such as anti-oxidants, buffers, antimicrobial agents and/or tonicity adjusting agents. Alternatively, the active ingredient may be in powder form for constitution with a suitable vehicle, e.g. sterile, pyrogen-free water, before use. The dry solid presentation may be prepared by filling a sterile powder aseptically into individual sterile containers or by filling a sterile solution aseptically into each 35 container and freeze-drying.

The compounds and pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention may also be used in combination with other therapeutic agents, for example antihistaminic agents, anticholinergic agents, anti-inflammatory agents such as corticosteroids, e.g. fluticasone propionate, beclomethasone 40 dipropionate, mometasone furoate, triamcinolone acetonide or budesonide; or

non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) eg. sodium cromoglycate, nedocromil sodium, PDE-4 inhibitors, leukotriene antagonists, iNOS inhibitors, tryptase and elastase inhibitors, beta-2 integrin antagonists and adenosine 2a agonists; or beta adrenergic agents such as salmeterol, salbutamol, formoterol, fenoterol or terbutaline and salts thereof; or antiinfective agents e.g. antibiotic agents and antiviral agents. It will be appreciated that when the compounds of the present invention are administered in combination with other therapeutic agents normally administered by the inhaled or intranasal route, that the resultant pharmaceutical composition may be administered by the inhaled or intranasal route.

Compounds of the invention may conveniently be administered in amounts of, for example, 0.001 to 500mg/kg body weight, preferably 0.01 to 500mg/kg body weight, more preferably 0.01 to 100mg/kg body weight, and at any appropriate frequency e.g. 1 to 4 times daily. The precise dosing regimen will of course depend on factors such as the therapeutic indication, the age and condition of the patient, and the particular route of administration chosen.

Throughout the description and the claims which follow, unless the context requires otherwise, the word 'comprise', and variations such as 'comprises' and 'comprising', will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or step or group of integers but not to the exclusion of any other integer or step or group of integers or steps.

The invention is illustrated by reference to, but is in no way limited by, the following Examples.

For the avoidance of doubt, the free bond on the R<sup>1</sup> groups as presented in the Tables signifies the point of attachment of the R<sup>1</sup> groups to the residue of the molecule.

It should be noted that, for clarity, compounds of the Descriptions and the Examples are referred to by number, for example "Description 3" and "Example 5". The structures of the compounds so referred to are given in Tables 1 to 4 for the Examples and Tables 5 to 7 for the Descriptions.

#### General experimental details

##### LC/MS System

The following Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy (LC/MS) System was used:

This system used an 3µm ABZ+PLUS (3.3cm x 4.6mm internal diameter) column, eluting with solvents: A – 0.1%v/v formic acid + 0.077% w/v ammonium acetate in water; and B – 95:5 acetonitrile:water + 0.05%v/v formic acid, at a flow rate of 3 ml per minute. The following gradient protocol was used: 100% A for

0.7mins; A+B mixtures, gradient profile 0 – 100% B over 3.5mins; hold at 100%B for 1.1mins; return to 100% A over 0.2mins.

The LC/MS system used a micromass spectrometer, with electrospray ionisation mode, positive and negative ion switching, mass range 80-1000 a.m.u.

5 Thermospray Mass Spectra

Thermospray Mass Spectra were determined on a HP 5989A engine mass spectrometer, +ve thermospray, source temperature 250°C, probe temperatures 120°C (stem), 190°C (tip), detection mass range 100-850 a.m.u. Compounds were injected in 10µl of a mixture of solvents comprising 65% methanol and 35%

10 0.05M aqueous ammonium acetate, at a flow rate of 0.7ml/min.

Solid phase extraction (ion exchange)

'SCX' refers to Isolute Flash SCX-2 sulphonic acid solid phase extraction cartridges.

Organic/Aqueous phase separation with hydrophobic frits

15 'Hydrophobic frit' refers to a Whatman polypropylene filter tube fitted with a PTFE frit, pore size 5.0µm.

All temperatures are in °C

20 Descriptions

Description 1: 2,2,2-Trifluoro-N-(morpholin-2-ylmethyl)acetamide

To a stirred solution of morpholin-2-ylmethanamine (3.1g) in methanol (70ml) under nitrogen was added an ethereal solution of ethyl- $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluoroacetate (5ml in 20ml ether) which had been washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine, and dried. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at 25 22°C before removal of all volatiles in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol (10ml) and the volatiles again removed in vacuo to give the title compound as a white crunchy foam (4.9g).

Thermospray Mass Spectrum  $m/z$  213 [ $MH^+$ ].

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Description 2: N-{[4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl}-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide

To a stirred solution of Description 1 (3.3g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (50ml) under nitrogen was added potassium carbonate (2.46g) and sodium iodide

35 (2.12g). A solution of 3,4-dichlorobenzyl chloride (2ml) in N,N-dimethylformamide (10ml) was added dropwise to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 22°C for 18h before the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane (100ml) and saturated aqueous sodium carbonate solution (50ml). The organic phase was subsequently washed  
40 with additional saturated aqueous sodium carbonate solution (2 x 50ml) and



water (50ml) before drying over magnesium sulphate, filtering and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo to give a pale yellow oil. The oil was purified by Biotage flash chromatography on a 90g silica cartridge eluting with 25% ethyl acetate in cyclohexane, to give the title compound as a colourless oil (2.97g).

5 LC/MS  $R_t$  2.63 min, Mass Spectrum  $m/z$  371 [ $MH^+$ ].

Description 3: [4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methylamine

To a stirred solution of Description 2 (2.97g) in methanol (15ml) and water (5ml) was added potassium carbonate (5.53g). The mixture was stirred at 22°C for  
10 18h before the methanol was removed in vacuo. Water (25ml) was added and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30ml). The combined organic phases were washed with water (5ml) and saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution (10ml) before drying over sodium sulphate, filtering and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo to give a pale yellow oil. The oil was purified by Biotage  
15 flash chromatography on a 90g silica cartridge eluting with 75:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound as a colourless oil (1.85g).

LC/MS  $R_t$  1.77 min, Mass Spectrum  $m/z$  275 [ $MH^+$ ].

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Description 4: [4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methylamine (alternative synthesis)

A mixture of 2-[(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)amino]ethanol (Chem Abs No. 40172-06-3, 0.980g) and 2-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-1H-isindole-1,3(2H)-dione (1.10g) was  
25 heated at 80°C under nitrogen for 3h. The resulting solid mass was treated with concentrated sulphuric acid (1.5ml) then stirred at 150°C for 24h. The mixture was treated with water (100ml) then washed with ethyl acetate (2x100ml). The dark aqueous phase was basified to ~pH 12 using 5M aqueous sodium hydroxide, then extracted with ethyl acetate (2x100ml). The combined organic  
30 extracts were washed with water and brine, dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and concentrated under vacuum to give the title compound as a brown oil (1.02g).  
Mass spec.  $m/z$  275 ( $MH^+$ ).

Description 5: 1-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methylamine

35 Description 3 (racemic mixture, 8g) was separated into its single enantiomers by preparative chiral-HPLC. The separation was carried out using a 2" x 22cm Chiralpak AD 20µm column, Merck self pack DAC system, eluting with 95:5:0.1 (v/v) heptane : absolute ethanol: diethylamine (flow rate: 55ml/min over 40min, UV detection 225nm); sample load preparation: 400mg sample in 20ml 3:2 (v/v)  
40 absolute ethanol: system eluent.

The title compound (2.49g) was obtained as follows: preparative HPLC retention time 23.0 min.

Description 5 (Alternative procedure)

- 5 A slurry of Description 7 (1.00g) in water (8.5ml) was heated to 75° and then treated dropwise with concentrated sulphuric acid (2.5ml). The mixture was then heated at reflux. After 23h the reaction mixture was cooled to 22° and then treated with dichloromethane (6ml). 880 Ammonia solution (7ml) was then added dropwise with cooling. More dichloromethane (10ml) was added. The
- 10 aqueous phase was separated and extracted with more dichloromethane (10ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (5ml) and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was redissolved in dichloromethane and the solvent re-evaporated to give the product as an oil (662mg).

- 15 Description 6: 1-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methanamine salt with D-tartaric acid 1:1

- Description 3 (0.613g) was dissolved in methanol (12.3ml). D-Tartaric acid (0.335g) was added and the slurry was heated to reflux for 50min. The mixture was allowed to cool to 0-5°C and the precipitate isolated by filtration to give the
- 20 title compound as a white solid (0.4g).

ee: 76%ee

Chiral analytical HPLC (Chiralpak AD column, 4.6 x 250mm, eluent 50:50:0.1 MeOH: EtOH: Butylamine, flow rate 0.5ml/min, UV detection at 220nm), Rt 8.9min.

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Description 7: 2-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-isoindole-1,3-dione

- A mixture of 2-[(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)amino]ethanol (2.038 g) and (S)-2-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-1H-isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (2.032g) in tetrahydrofuran (3.3ml) was stirred and heated at reflux under nitrogen. After 21.5h more tetrahydrofuran (12.5ml) was added and the mixture was cooled to 3°. Triphenyl phosphine (2.793g) was added and the mixture was stirred until all the solid had dissolved. Diisopropylazodicarboxylate (2.1ml) was then added over 12min maintaining the temperature at <7°. After 2.25h the mixture was allowed to warm to 22°. After 5.3h more triphenylphosphine (121mg) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate (0.09ml) were added. After 22.5h the reaction mixture was concentrated to near dryness.
- 10 Propan-2-ol (12ml) was added and the concentration repeated, this was repeated once more. More propan-2-ol (12ml) was added and the mixture was heated to 70°. After 0.5h the slurry was cooled to 22° and then after a further 2h the product was collected. The bed was washed with propan-2-ol (2x4ml) and then dried in vacuo at 40° to give the product, (2.622g).

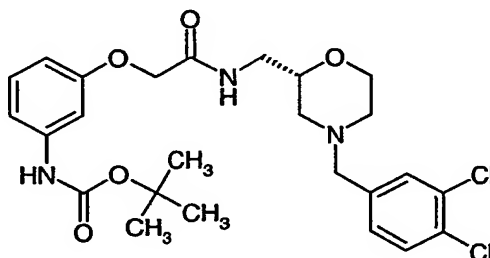
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Description 8: [(2S)-4-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methanamine

Description 8 was made in an analogous manner to that of Description 5.

Preparative HPLC retention time 28.3min

- 20 Description 10: [3-([(2S)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]carbamoyl)methoxy]phenyl]carbamic acid tert-butyl ester



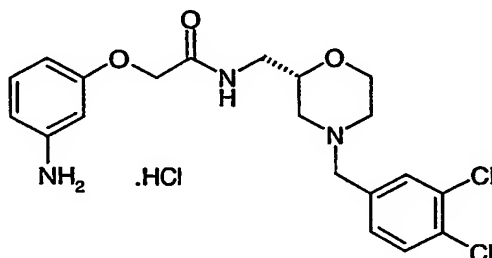
- 25 To a stirred solution of (3-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-phenoxy)-acetic acid (0.100g) (WO 9708193), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.1043g) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.0597g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (3ml) was added a solution of Description 5 (0.0936g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1ml). N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.119ml) was added to the
- 30 mixture which was then stirred at 20° for 19.5h. The mixture was diluted with methanol (ca. 2ml) and applied to a 10g SCX ion-exchange cartridge (pre-conditioned with methanol). The cartridge was eluted with methanol and 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol. The first ammonia fraction was evaporated in vacuo and the residue further purified by Biotage™ flash chromatography on

silica gel, eluting with 300:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.1256g) as a colourless glass.  
LC/MS:  $R_t = 3.14\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  524,526 [ $MH^+$ ]

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Method G

Example 27: 2-(3-Amino-phenoxy)-N-[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methyl]acetamide



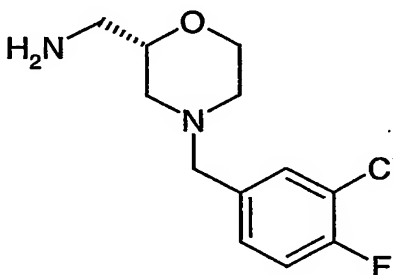
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To a stirred solution of Description 10 (0.120g) in methanol (3ml) was added a 4.0M solution of hydrogen chloride in 1,4-dioxane (1ml). The mixture was stirred at 20° for 6h and then left to stand for 16h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give a residue which was re-dissolved in methanol and evaporated to dryness under a stream of nitrogen to give the title compound (0.114g) as a light brown gum.

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LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.30\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  424,426 [ $MH^+$ ]

20 Description 12: C-[(2S)-4-(3-Chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl]methylamine



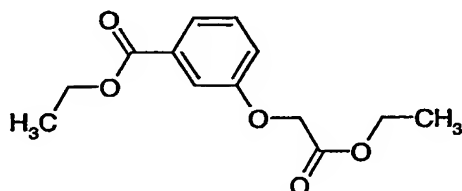
A solution of Description 17 (0.36g) in dichloromethane (1ml) was treated with trifluoroacetic acid (1ml) and allowed to stand for 1 hr. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue partitioned between dichloromethane and aqueous sodium bicarbonate; the phases were separated and the organic phase

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dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.25g) as a colourless gum.

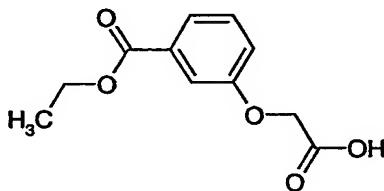
LC-MS :  $R_t = 0.70\text{min}$ . Mass Spectrum  $m/z$  259 [ $\text{MH}^+$ ]

5 Description 13: 3-Ethoxycarbonylmethoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester



- To a stirred mixture of ethyl 3-hydroxybenzoate (1.66g) and anhydrous  
10 potassium carbonate (1.38g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (20ml) at room  
temperature was added ethylbromoacetate (1.67g). The mixture was stirred  
overnight before evaporation of the solvent in vacuo and the resultant thick white  
paste was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate (two portions, total 50ml).  
The combined organic extracts were washed with 2% aqueous sodium hydroxide  
15 (100ml) and brine (2x50ml), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and the solvent  
evaporated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by flash column  
chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 4:1 cyclohexane/ethyl acetate. The  
required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give  
the title compound (2.18g) as a colourless oil.
- 20  $^1\text{H}$  nmr (250MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.70 $\delta$  (1H, br.d, CH); 7.57 $\delta$  (1H, br.d, CH); 7.38 $\delta$  (1H, t, CH); 7.15 $\delta$  (1H, br. dd, CH); 4.68 $\delta$  (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 4.40-4.20 $\delta$  (4H, 2xq, 2x $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.39 $\delta$  (3H, t,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.30 $\delta$  (3H, t,  $\text{CH}_3$ )

25 Description 14: 3-Carboxymethoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester



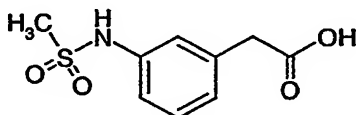
- To a stirred solution of Description 13 (0.397g) in methanol (7ml) and water (3ml)  
was added potassium carbonate (0.217g). The mixture was stirred at 20°C for  
30 18h before the methanol was evaporated in vacuo. The pH of the resulting  
solution was adjusted to approximately 1 by addition of 2M aqueous hydrochloric  
acid, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x15ml). The combined

organic extracts were washed with brine (10ml), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.329g) as a white solid.

LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.81$  min,  $m/z$  225 [ $MH^+$ ]

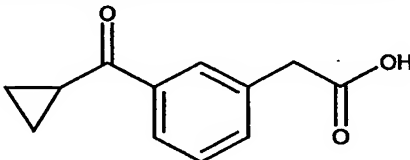
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Description 15: (3-Methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)acetic acid



- 10 To a stirred solution of 3-aminophenylacetic acid (3.2g) and sodium carbonate (5.44g) in de-ionised water (36ml) was added methanesulphonyl chloride (1.7 ml). The mixture was heated with stirring at 85° for 4h before being left to cool to room temperature, acidified to pH 2 with conc. hydrochloric acid and left to stand in a refrigerator at 4° overnight. The precipitated solid was filtered, washed with
- 15 water and ether and the combined filtrate and washings were evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The resultant residue was dissolved in hot water and left to re-crystallise overnight whilst standing in a refrigerator at 4°C. The crystals were filtered, washed with a small quantity of cold water and dried in vacuo to give the title compound (0.417g) as colourless crystals.
- 20 LC/MS :  $R_t = 2.00$  min,  $m/z$  228 [ $MH^+$ ],  $m/z$  247 [ $MNH_4^+$ ]

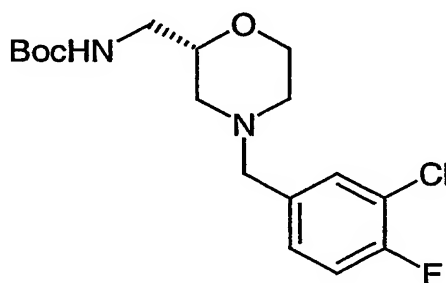
Description 16: (3-Cyclopropanecarbonyl-phenyl)acetic acid



- 25 A stirred suspension of cyclopropyl-m-tolylketone (J Org Chem (1993), 58(21), 5802-10; 16.0g) and N-bromosuccinimide (17.8g) in carbon tetrachloride (100ml) was heated slowly to reflux with a 150W electric lamp. After two hours at reflux, the solution was cooled in ice-water to yield a solid which was filtered off and washed with carbon tetrachloride (10ml). The filtrate and washings were
- 30 combined and evaporated to give a yellow oil which was fractionally distilled using a Vigreux column. The fraction which distilled at 115 – 130°C at 0.1mm mercury was collected and dissolved in anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (20ml). This solution was added dropwise over one hour to a stirred suspension of sodium cyanide (1.96g) in anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (40ml) at <10°C.

Stirring was maintained at 10°C for a further hour, then at room temperature for 2 hours after which the mixture was poured into ice (140g) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 60ml). The combined extracts were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to give a brown oil which was then treated with 50% aqueous alcohol containing 5 potassium hydroxide (3.36g). This mixture was heated under reflux for five hours then allowed to cool, washed with chloroform (2 x 50ml) and acidified to pH1 by addition of 5M hydrochloric acid (~15ml). The resulting yellow oil was extracted into ethyl acetate (2 x 75ml) and the combined extracts were washed with water (3 x 15ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent evaporated to give a yellow oil. This 10 oil was extracted with hot petroleum ether (b.p. 60 – 80°C, 4 x 50ml) and the combined extracts evaporated to give a gummy oil. This was recombined with the residue which remained from the extraction, dissolved in 10% ethyl acetate/ether (200ml), and the resulting solution filtered, washed with water (3 x 20ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to give an oil. This oil was purified by 15 chromatography on silica gel (100g) eluting with ethyl acetate, and appropriate fractions were combined and evaporated to give a pale yellow oil which was then distilled under high vacuum. The material which distilled at 170°C at 0.1 mm mercury was collected to give the title compound (1.5g) as a dark cream solid. Analysis found C, 70.44%; H, 6.00%  
20 Analysis required C, 70.6%; H, 5.92%.

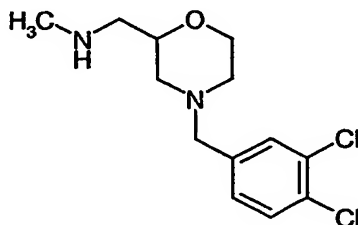
Description 17: [(2S)-4-(3-Chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]carbamic acid tert-butyl ester



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A solution of (2-morpholinylmethyl)-carbamic acid 1,1-dimethyl ester [CAS 186202-57-3] (0.26g) in dichloromethane (5ml) was treated with triethylamine (0.167ml) and 3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl bromide (0.27g). After stirring for 18hrs the 30 mixture was purified by applying directly to an SCX ion exchange cartridge (10g), eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia/methanol. The basic fraction was evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.37g) as a colourless gum.  
LC-MS : Rt = 2.46min. Mass Spectrum m/z 359 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

**Description 18: [4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]methylamine**



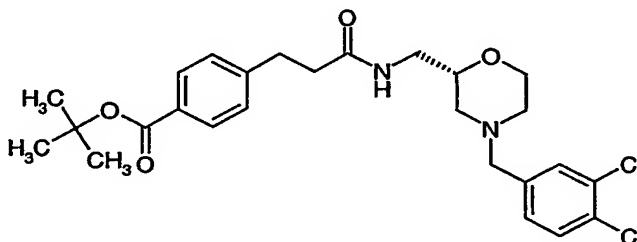
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A mixture of Description 29 (0.0755g) in 5:1 methanol/water (7ml) and potassium carbonate (0.27g) was stirred at room temperature under nitrogen for 5hr before leaving to stand for 65hr. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue re-dissolved in water (6ml). The aqueous solution was extracted with

- 10 dichloromethane (4x3ml) using a hydrophobic fritted cartridge to separate the phases. The combined organic extracts gave, after evaporation of the solvent, the title compound (0.0507g).

LCMS  $m/z$  289 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

- 15 Description 20: 4-(2-([(2S)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]carbamoyl)ethyl)benzoic acid tert-butyl ester

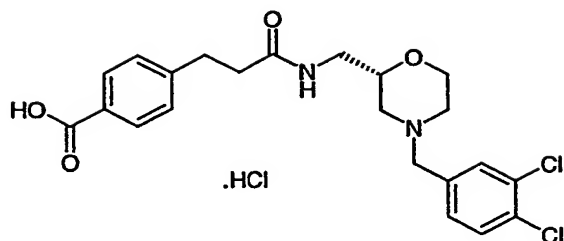


- 20 Prepared in an analogous manner to that used for Example 18 using Description 5 and 4-(2-carboxy-ethyl)benzoic acid tert-butyl ester.

LCMS  $m/z$  507 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

- 25 Description 21: 4-(2-([(2S)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]carbamoyl)ethyl)benzoic acid hydrochloride

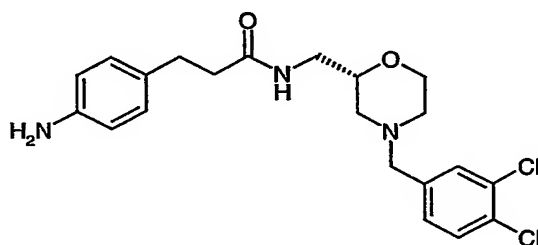




To Description 20 (0.29g) was added a 4.0M solution of HCl in 1,4-dioxane (10ml). The mixture was stirred at 20°C for 3hr before the solvent was removed 5 *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a brown solid.  
LCMS  $m/z$  451 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

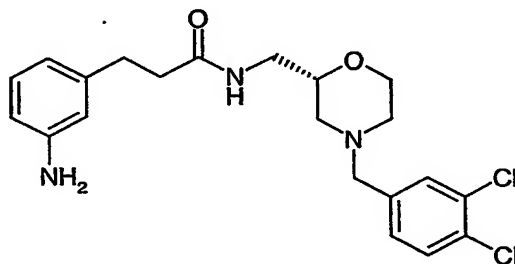
Description 22: 3-(4-Amino-phenyl)-N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]propionamide

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Prepared in an analogous manner to that used for Example 18 using Description 5 and 3-(4-Aminophenyl)propionic acid.  
15 LCMS  $m/z$  422 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

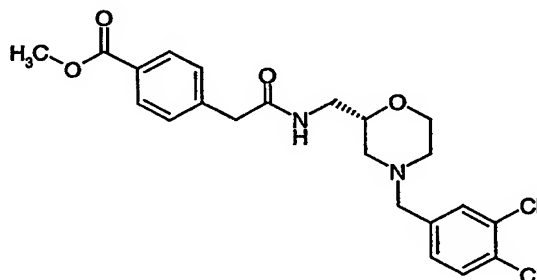
Description 23: 3-(3-Amino-phenyl)-N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]propionamide



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Prepared in an analogous manner to that used for Example 18 using Description 5 and 3-(3-Aminophenyl)propionic acid.  
LCMS  $m/z$  422 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

Description 24: 4-(((2S)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-yl)methyl)carbamoyl)methyl)benzoic acid methyl ester



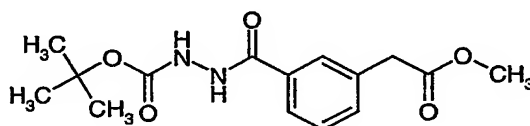
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Prepared in an analogous manner to that used for Example 18 using Description 5 and 4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenylacetic acid.

LCMS  $m/z$  451  $[MH^+]$

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Description 25: [3-(N'-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-hydrazinocarbonyl)phenyl]acetic acid methyl ester



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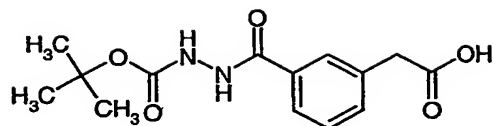
To a stirred solution of 3-methoxycarbonylmethyl-benzoic acid (2.0g) (for preparation see Journal of Chemical Research, Synopses (2000), (6), 282-283) in N,N-dimethylformamide (30ml) was added tert-butylcarbazine (1.358g), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (3.19g), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (1.96g) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (1.96ml). The mixture was stirred under nitrogen at 20°C for 42hr before being diluted with dichloromethane (250ml). The mixture was washed with dilute aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (200ml) and aqueous brine solution (2x200ml) before passing the organic phase through a cartridge incorporating a hydrophobic frit.

The organic solution was then equally applied directly onto 10 sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridges (10x10g, Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol) and the cartridges eluted with methanol (x3). The combined eluents were evaporated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a colourless liquid.

LCMS  $m/z$  309  $[MH^+]$

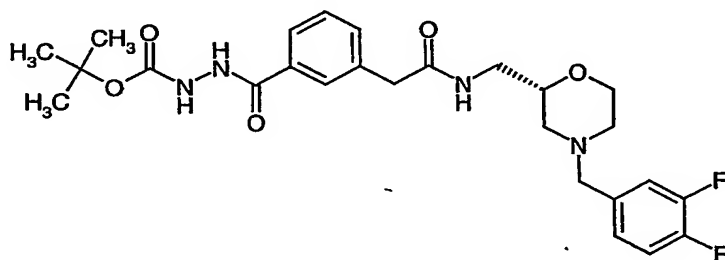
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Description 26: [3-(N'-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-hydrazinocarbonyl)phenyl]acetic acid



- Description 25 (5.01g) in methanol (9ml) had 2M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (9.1ml) added to it and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5.75hr. 2M aqueous HCl (9.1ml) was added to the mixture followed by 2M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (approximately 1ml) to adjust the pH of the solution to 7. The solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (4.766g) as a colourless glass and as a mixture with inorganic salts.
- 10 LCMS  $m/z$  295  $[MH^+]$

Description 27: N'-[3-({[(2S)-4-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]carbonyl]methyl}benzoyl]hydrazinecarboxylic acid tert-butyl ester



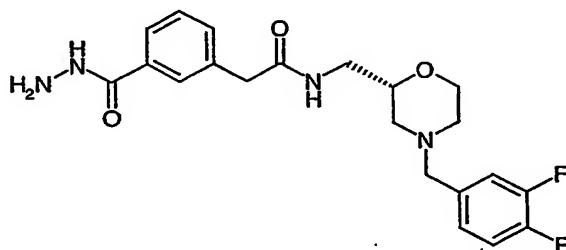
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Prepared in an analogous manner to that used for Example 5 using Description 8 and Description 26.

LCMS  $m/z$  519  $[MH^+]$

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Description 28: N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2-(3-hydrazinocarbonyl-phenyl)acetamide



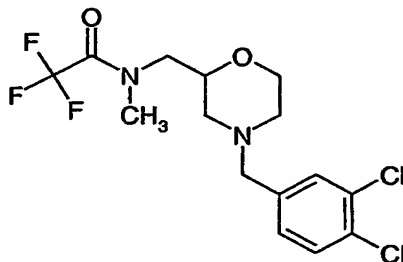
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To Description 27 (2.05g) was added a 4.0M solution of HCl in 1,4-dioxane (35ml) and anhydrous methanol (10ml). The mixture was stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 17hr before the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was re-dissolved in methanol and the solution was then equally applied  
5 directly onto 8 sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridges (10x10g, Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol) and the cartridges eluted with methanol (x3) followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia in methanol (x2). The solvent was removed from the basic fractions *in vacuo* to give the title compound as an orange foam (1.246g).

LCMS  $m/z$  419 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

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Description 29: N-[4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-N-methylacetamide



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A solution of Description 2 (0.0755g) in dichloromethane (5ml) was sealed in an Alltech™ tube (cartridge with integral frit at the bottom). BEMP resin (polymer bound 2-tert-butylimino-2-diethylamino-1,3-dimethylperhydro-1,3,2-diazaphosphorine) (0.65g @ 2.3mmol/g) was added followed by methyl iodide  
20 (0.168ml). The mixture was agitated on a flatbed shaker at room temperature. The mixture was poured onto a sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridge (10g, Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol) and the cartridge eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia in methanol. The solvent was evaporated from the first basic fraction *in vacuo*. The residue was further purified by dissolving in  
25 dichloromethane and applying the solution to a silica solid phase extraction cartridge (10g, Varian Bondelut, pre-washed with dichloromethane) eluting sequentially with dichloromethane, chloroform, ether, ethyl acetate, acetone, acetonitrile and methanol. The solvent was evaporated from the ether fractions *in vacuo* to give the title compound (0.0755g).

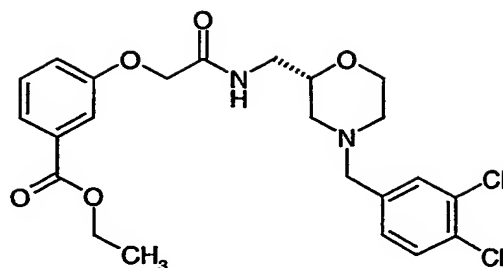
30 LCMS  $m/z$  385 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

#### Examples

#### Synthetic Method A

#### Example 18

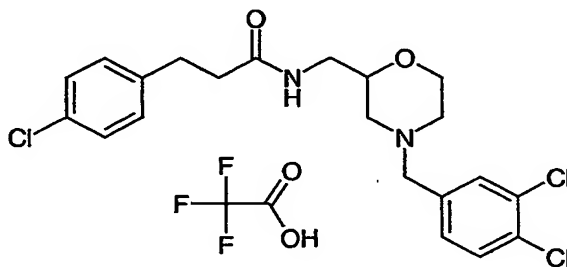
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- To a stirred solution of Description 14 (0.328g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (6ml) was added a solution of Description 5 (0.366g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (5ml).
- 5 A solution of 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.408g) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.234g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (9ml) was added to the mixture followed by N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.463ml). The mixture was stirred at 22°C for 18.5h before being diluted with methanol (ca. 5ml). The mixture was applied to 4x10g SCX ion-exchange cartridges (pre-
- 10 conditioned with methanol). The cartridges were eluted with methanol, followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol. The first ammonia fractions were combined and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by Biotage™ flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 400:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were
- 15 combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.508g) as a light brown gum.
- LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.90\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  481, 483 [ $MH^+$ ]

#### Method A Alternative procedure

- 20 Example 38: 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N-[4-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]propionamide; compound with trifluoroacetic acid



- 25 To 3-(4-chlorophenyl)propionic acid (0.037g) was added a portion (0.25ml) of a solution of Description 3 (1.292g) in dichloromethane (5.0ml) and the dichloromethane allowed to evaporate. The mixture had N-methylpyrrolidinone (1 drop) added to it before being subjected to heating in a microwave oven (4

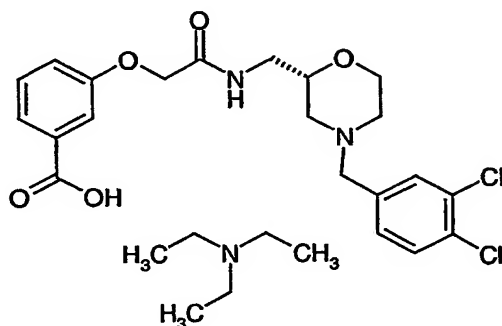
minutes at full power) then allowed to cool. The sample was purified by mass-directed preparative HPLC and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give the title compound (0.0187g).

LCMS  $R_t$  2.03min,  $m/z$  394  $[MH^+]$

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### **Synthetic Method B**

### Example 23 (Interconversion)



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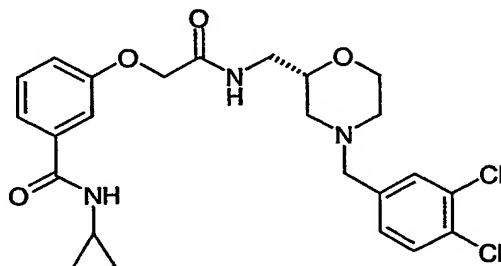
To a stirred solution of Example 18 (0.5038g) in methanol (10ml) was added 2M aqueous sodium hydroxide (1.05ml) and water (10ml). The mixture was stirred at 22°C for 14h and then left to stand for a further 18h. 2M aqueous hydrochloric acid (1.05ml) was added, and the mixture was applied to 2x10g SCX ion-

15 exchange cartridges (pre-conditioned with methanol). The cartridges were eluted with methanol followed by 5% triethylamine in methanol. The first triethylamine fractions were combined and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.453g) as a brown gum.

LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.49\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  453,455  $[\text{MH}^+]$

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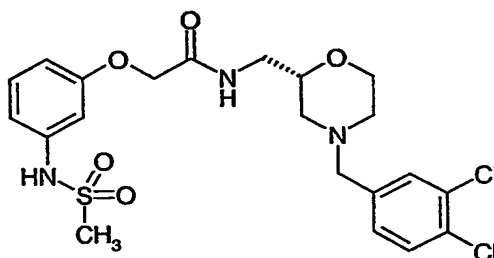
### Example 14 (Interconversion)



25 A solution of Example 23 (0.148g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1ml) was added to a stirred solution of 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.081g) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.047g) in N,N-

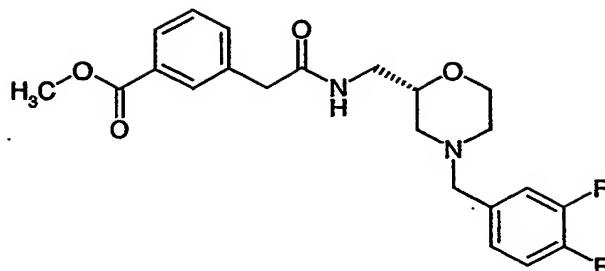
dimethylformamide (1ml) at 20°. Cyclopropylamine (0.0918ml) was added, followed by N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.0923ml) and the mixture was stirred at 20° for 20h. The mixture was diluted with methanol (ca. 2ml) and applied to a 10g SCX ion-exchange cartridge (pre-conditioned with methanol). The cartridge  
5 was eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol. The first ammonia fraction was evaporated in vacuo and the residue further purified by Biotage™ flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 200:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give a residue which was  
10 further purified by Biotage™ flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 5% methanol/ethyl acetate. The required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.105g) as a colourless glass. LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.53\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  492,494 [ $\text{MH}^+$ ]

15 Synthetic Method C  
Example 24



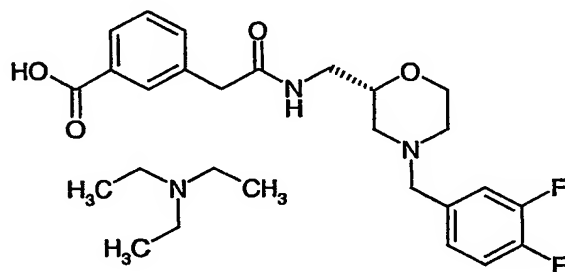
20 To a stirred solution of Example 27 (0.0491g) in dichloromethane (5ml) and acetonitrile (1ml) at 20° was added N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.0516ml) and methanesulphonyl chloride (0.0084ml). The mixture was stirred at 20° for 26h during which time a further portion of methanesulphonyl chloride (0.0031ml) was added. The mixture was diluted with methanol (ca. 2ml) and applied to a 5g SCX  
25 ion-exchange cartridge (pre-conditioned with methanol). The cartridge was eluted with methanol and 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol. The first ammonia fraction was evaporated in vacuo and the residue further purified by Biotage™ flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with a gradient from 600:8:1 to 200:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required  
30 fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.0087g) as a light brown glass. LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.55\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  502,504 [ $\text{MH}^+$ ]

Synthetic Method D

Example 5

- 5 To a stirred solution of 3-carboxymethyl-benzoic acid methyl ester (0.214g) (J. Med. Chem. 1999, 42(14), 2621-2632) in N,N-dimethylformamide (5ml) was added 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.288g) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.162g) followed by a solution of Description 8 (0.242g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (5ml). N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.348ml) was
- 10 added to the mixture which was then stirred at 22° for 18h. The mixture was equally to 2x10g SCX ion-exchange cartridges (pre-conditioned with methanol). The cartridges were eluted with methanol and 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol. The first ammonia fractions were combined and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by Biotage™ flash
- 15 chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 200:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.301g) as a cream solid. LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.36\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  419  $[\text{MH}^+]$

20 Synthetic Method E  
Example 7 (interconversion)



- 25 To a stirred solution of Example 5 (0.2988g) in methanol (5ml) was added 2M aqueous sodium hydroxide (0.71ml). The mixture was stirred at 22° for 66h before 2M aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.71ml) was added. The mixture was applied to 2x10g SCX ion-exchange cartridges (pre-conditioned with methanol).

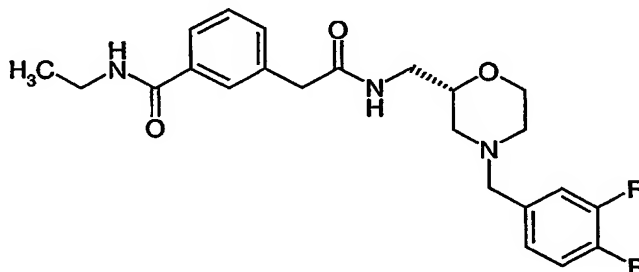


The cartridges were eluted with methanol followed by 5% triethylamine in methanol. The first triethylamine fractions were combined and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.353g) as a yellow gum.

LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.15\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  405  $[\text{MH}^+]$

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#### Example 10

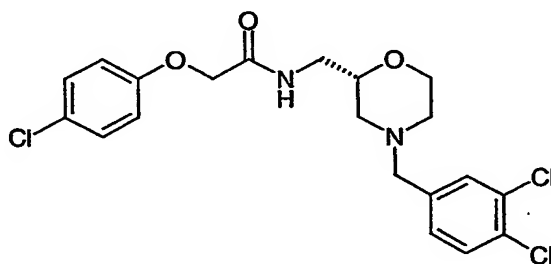


- 10 To a stirred solution of Example 7 (0.057g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1ml) was added 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.0325g) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.018g). N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.039ml) was added followed by a 2M solution of ethylamine in tetrahydrofuran (0.140ml) and the mixture was stirred at 22° for 18h. The mixture was applied to a 5g SCX ion-
- 15 exchange cartridge (pre-conditioned with methanol). The cartridge was eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol. The first ammonia fraction was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was further purified by Biotage™ flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 150:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were
- 20 combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.0379g) as a white solid.

LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.14\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  432  $[\text{MH}^+]$

#### Synthetic Method F

- 25 Example 22

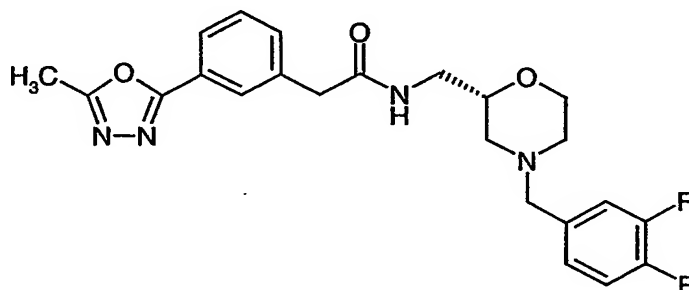


To a stirred solution of Description 5 (0.050g) in acetonitrile (1ml) was added potassium carbonate (0.025g). To the mixture was added (4-chloro-phenoxy)-acetyl chloride (0.037g) (Chem. Pharm. Bull. 1988, 36(11), 4426-34) and the mixture was stirred at 20° for 3h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue partitioned between water (2ml) and dichloromethane (2ml). The phases were separated using a hydrophobic frit, and the organic phase was purified directly by Biotage™ flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 300:8:1 dichloromethane/ethanol/0.880 ammonia solution. The required fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo to give the title compound (0.0286g) as a white solid.

LC/MS:  $R_t = 2.90\text{min}$ ,  $m/z$  443,445 [ $\text{MH}^+$ ]

#### Method H

Example 37: N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2-[3-(5-methyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)phenyl]acetamide

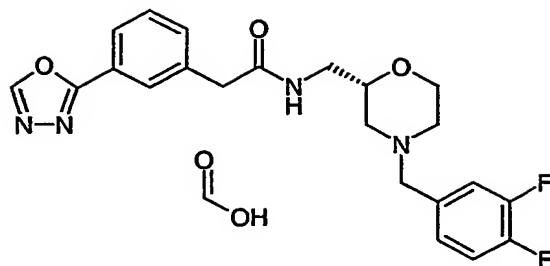


Description 28 (0.20g) had triethylorthoacetate (1.5ml) added to it and was heated in a 'Reacti-vial' at 160°C for 18hrs. After cooling, the volatiles were evaporated under a stream of nitrogen before the residue was re-dissolved in methanol and directly applied onto a sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridge (10g Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol). The cartridge was eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia in methanol and the basic fractions concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a colourless gum (0.17g).

LCMS  $R_t$  2.12 min,  $m/z$  443 [ $\text{MH}^+$ ]

#### Method I

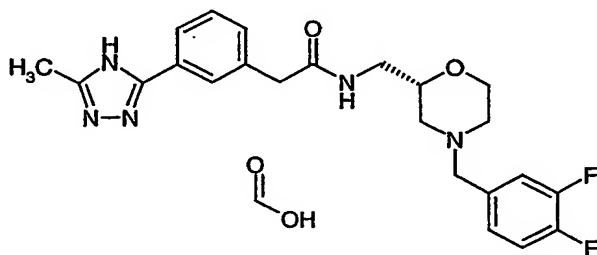
Example 39: N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2-(3-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl-phenyl)acetamide; compound with formic acid



Description 28 (0.20g) had triethylorthoformate (1.5ml) added to it and was heated in a 'Reacti-vial' at 160°C for 18hrs. After cooling, the volatiles were evaporated under a stream of nitrogen before the residue was re-dissolved in methanol and directly applied onto a sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridge (10g Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol). The cartridge was eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia in methanol and the basic fractions concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was further purified by mass-directed preparative HPLC to give, after removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the title compound as a colourless gum (0.021g).  
LCMS R<sub>t</sub> 2.05 min, *m/z* 429 [MH<sup>+</sup>]

#### Method J

15 Example 41: N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Difluorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2-[3-(5-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl)phenyl]acetamide; compound with formic acid

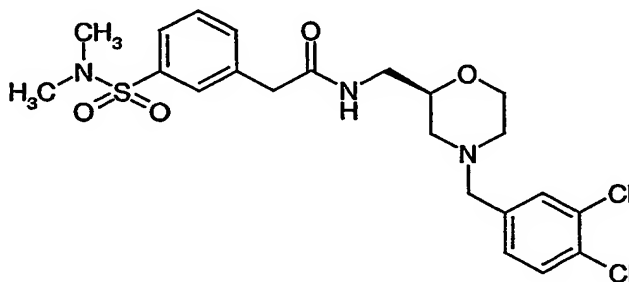


20 A solution of sodium hydroxide (0.0933g) in anhydrous methanol (2.91ml) was prepared and a portion of the solution (0.596ml) added to ethyl acetimidate hydrochloride (0.059g). After shaking the mixture for 2min and leaving to stand for a further 5min, the supernatant of the mixture was transferred by syringe to a 'Reacti-vial' charged with Description 28 (0.20g). The mixture was heated at 90°C for 1hrs before cooling to room temperature and concentrating under a stream of nitrogen. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of 5% methanol/chloroform and dichloromethane and was applied to a silica solid phase extraction cartridge (10g, Varian Bondelut, pre-washed with

dichloromethane) eluting with 5% methanol/chloroform. The solvent was evaporated from the required fractions *in vacuo* and the residue further purified by mass-directed preparative HPLC and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a colourless gum (0.020g).

5 LCMS  $R_t$  2.01 min,  $m/z$  442 [ $MH^+$ ]

Example 42: N-[(2R)-4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2-(3-dimethylsulfamoyl-phenyl)acetamide

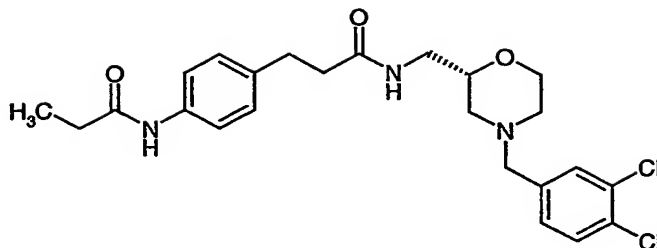


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To (4-dimethylsulfamoyl-phenyl)acetic acid (0.049g) (containing a quantity of the isomeric 3-dimethylsulfamoyl-phenyl)acetic acid) was added a portion (0.25ml) of a solution of Description 3 (1.1g) in dichloromethane (4.0ml) and the dichloromethane allowed to evaporate. The mixture had N-methylpyrrolidinone (1 drop) added to it before being subjected to heating in a microwave oven (4 minutes at full power) then allowed to cool. The sample was purified by mass-directed preparative HPLC and the solvent evaporated under a stream of nitrogen. The residue, being a isomeric and racemic mixture, was separated on a Chiralpak AD preparative hplc column (25x2cm), eluted with 40% ethanol in n-heptane. The flow rate was 15ml/min and detection wavelength 215nm. Fractions containing the required product (first eluting product) were combined and evaporated to give the title compound (0.0017g).  
LCMS  $R_t$  2.70min,  $m/z$  500 [ $MH^+$ ]

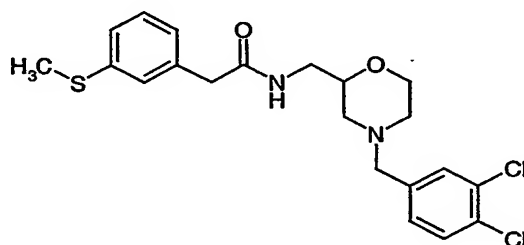
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Example 51: N-[(2S)-4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-3-(4-propionylamino-phenyl)propionamide



- To a solution of Description 22 (0.10g) in anhydrous dichloromethane (8ml) was added N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.062ml) followed by propionyl chloride (0.0329g). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 22hr. The mixture was poured onto a sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridge (10g, Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol) and the cartridge eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia in methanol. The solvent was evaporated from the basic fractions *in vacuo* to give the title compound (0.0936g).
- 10 LCMS  $R_t$  2.45 min,  $m/z$  478  $[MH^+]$

Example 82: N-[4-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)morpholin-2-ylmethyl]-2-(3-methylsulfonylphenyl)acetamide



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- A mixture of Description 3 (0.312g), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.199g), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.387ml) and 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.346g) were stirred in N,N-dimethylformamide (5ml) at 20°C for 7hr and then left to stand for 18hr. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue re-dissolved in methanol. The mixture was equally applied directly onto two sulphonic acid ion exchange cartridges (2x10g, Isolute SCX, pre-washed with methanol) and the cartridges eluted with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia in methanol. The solvent was evaporated from the combined first basic fractions *in vacuo*. The residue was further purified by dissolving in dichloromethane and applying the solution equally to two silica solid phase extraction cartridges (2x10g, Varian Bondelut, pre-washed with dichloromethane) eluting sequentially with dichloromethane, chloroform, ether, ethyl acetate, acetone, acetonitrile and methanol. The solvent was evaporated
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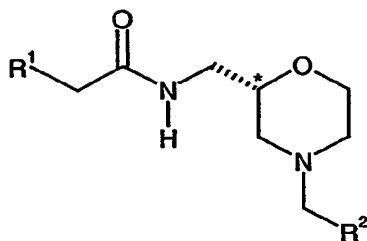
from the combined acetone fractions *in vacuo* to give the title compound (0.122g).

LCMS  $R_t$  2.84 min,  $m/z$  439  $[MH^+]$

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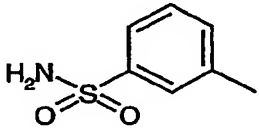
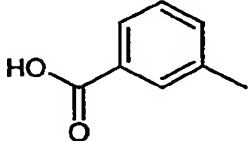
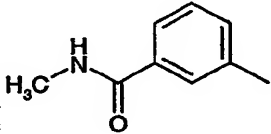
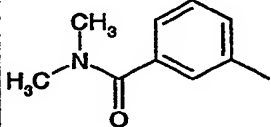
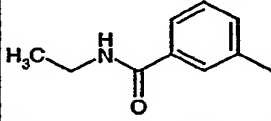
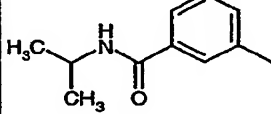
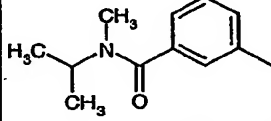
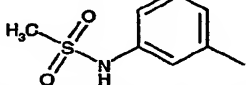
Table 1



| Ex. No. | Synthetic Method | R <sup>1</sup> | R <sup>2</sup> | Stereochem at position (*) | Calculated Mol. Wt. | Observed Mol. Wt. # |
|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1       | D                |                | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 461.392             | 461                 |
| 2       | D                |                | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 402.445             | 403                 |
| 3       | D                |                | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 428.483             | 429                 |
| 4       | D                |                | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 435.354             | 435                 |
| 5       | D                |                | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 418.444             | 419                 |

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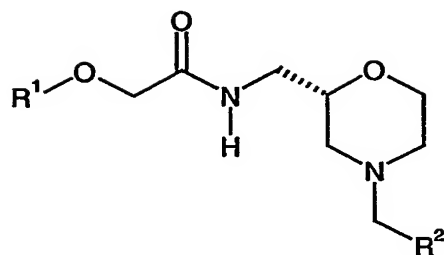
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| 6       | D                |    | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 439.485             | 440                 |
| 7*      | D+E              |    | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 404.41              | 405                 |
| 8       | D+E              |    | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 417.46              | 418                 |
| 9       | D+E              |    | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 431.487             | 432                 |
| 10      | D+E              |  | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 431.487             | 432                 |
| 11      | D+E              |  | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 445.514             | 446                 |
| 12      | D+E              |  | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 459.541             | 460                 |
| 29      | D                |  | 3-Cl,4-FPh     | S                          | 469.966             | 470                 |

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Example 7 is the triethylammonium salt

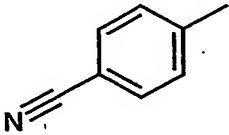
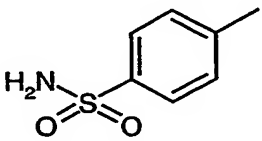
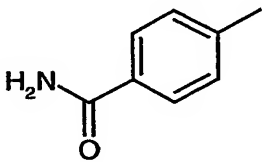
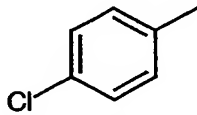
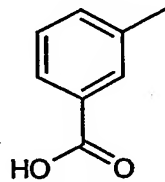
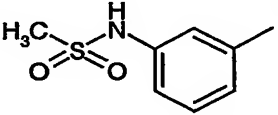
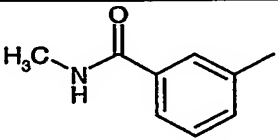
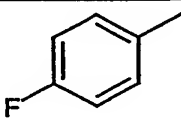
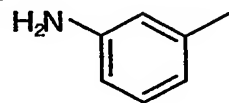


Table 2



| Ex. No. | Synthetic Method | R¹ | R²          | Stereochem at position (*) | Calculated Mol. Wt. | Observed Mol. Wt. # |
|---------|------------------|----|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 13      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh | S                          | 466.368             | 466                 |
| 14      | B                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh | S                          | 492.406             | 492                 |
| 15      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh | S                          | 466.368             | 466                 |
| 16      | B                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh | S                          | 480.395             | 480                 |
| 17      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh | S                          | 520.46              | 520                 |
| 18      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh | S                          | 481.38              | 481                 |

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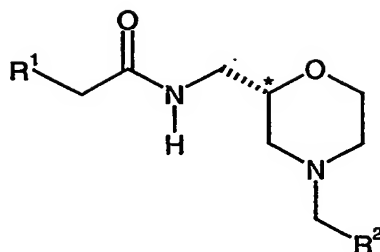
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|---------|------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 19      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 434.326             | 434                 |
| 20      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 488.393             | 488                 |
| 21      | A                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 452.341             | 452                 |
| 22      | F                |    | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 443.761             | 443                 |
| 23*     | B                |   | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 453.32              | 453                 |
| 24      | C                |  | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 502.42              | 502                 |
| 25      | B                |  | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 466.368             | 466                 |
| 26      | A                |  | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 427.306             | 427                 |
| 27**    | G                |  | 3,4-di-ClPh    | S                          | 424.33              | 424                 |

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\* Examples 23 is the triethylammonium salt

\*\* Example 27 is a dihydrochloride

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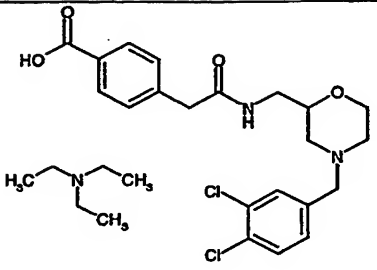
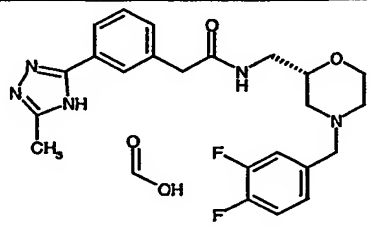
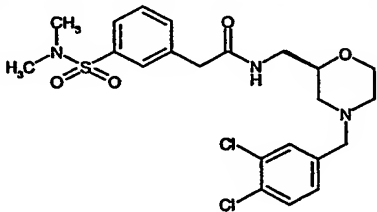
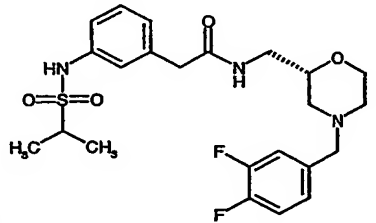
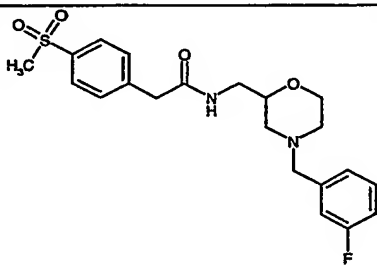
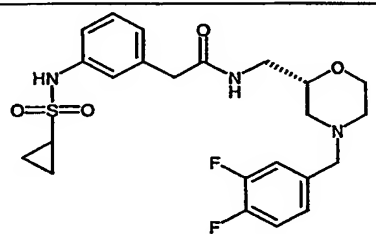
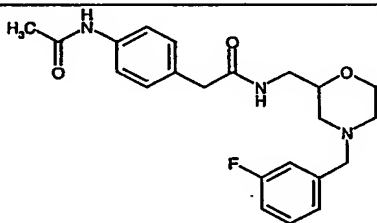
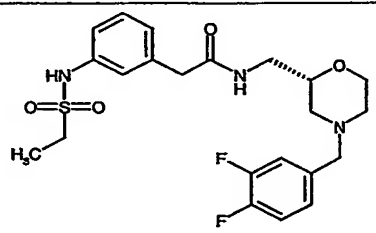
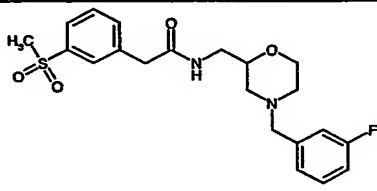
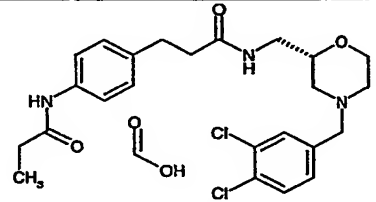


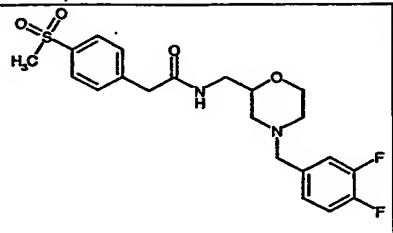
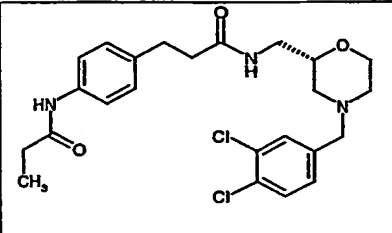
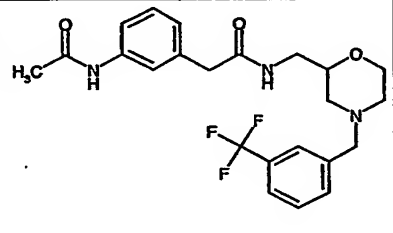
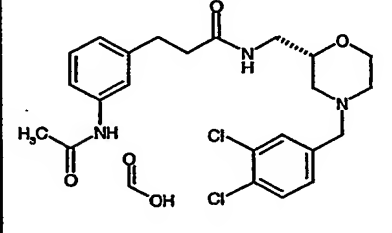
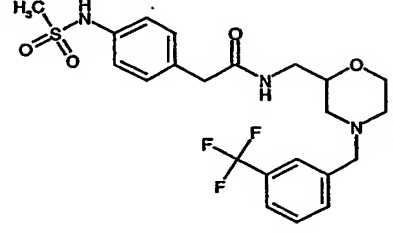
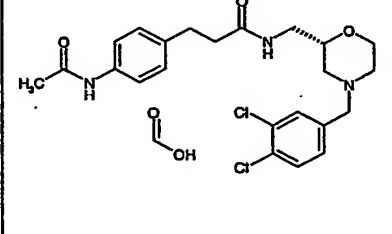
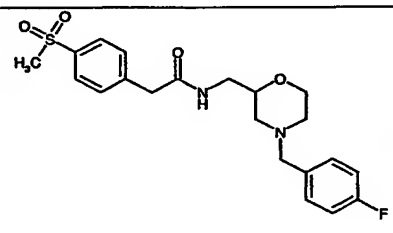
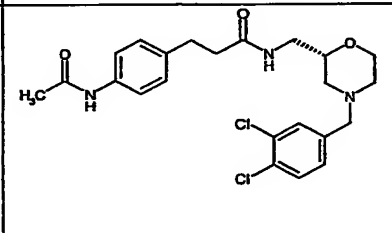
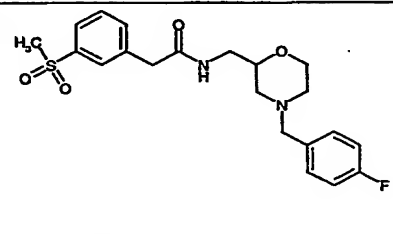
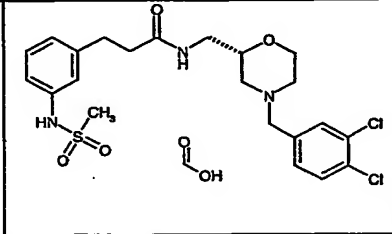
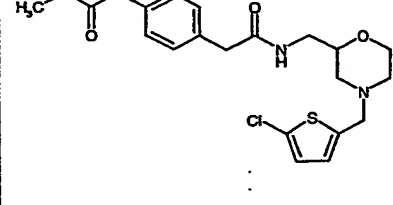
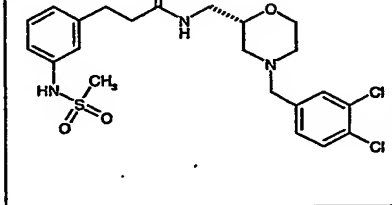
| Ex. No. | Synthetic Method | R <sup>1</sup> | R <sup>2</sup> | Stereochem at position (*) | Calculated Mol. Wt. | Observed Mol. Wt # |
|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 28      | D                |                | 3,4-di-FPh     | S                          | 467.539             | 468                |

# (LC/MS) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> of lowest mass isomer unless otherwise indicated

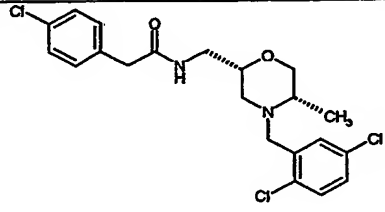
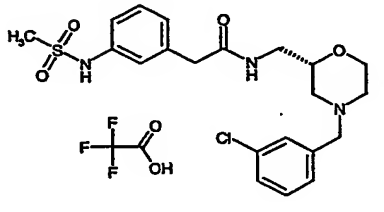
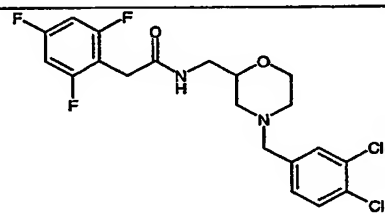
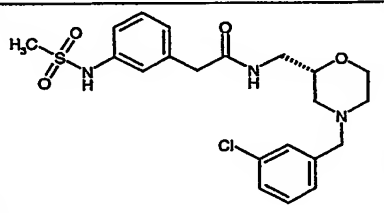
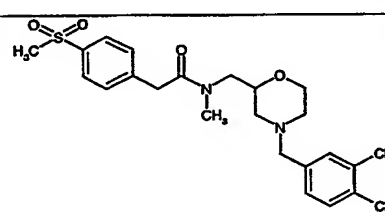
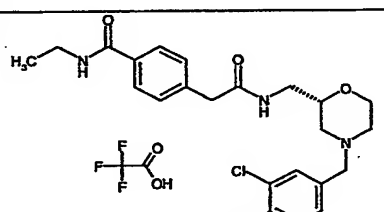
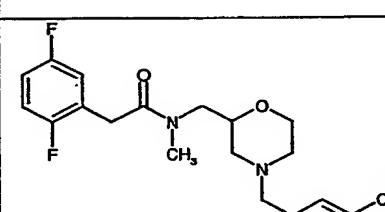
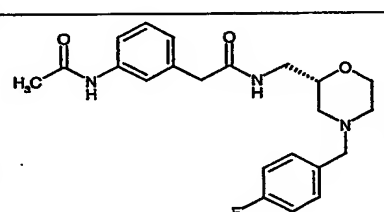
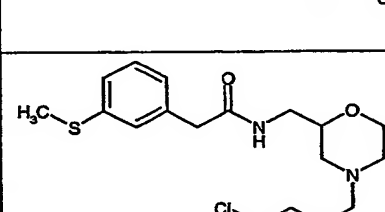
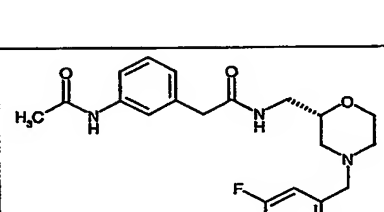
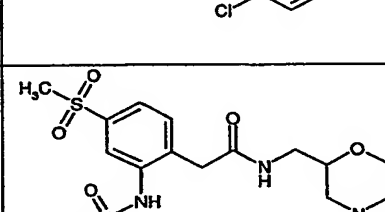
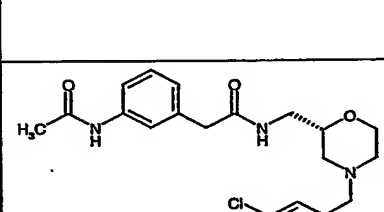
Table 4

| Ex. | Structure | Obs.<br>[MH <sup>+</sup> ] | Ex. | Structure | Obs.<br>[MH <sup>+</sup> ] |
|-----|-----------|----------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------------|
| 30  |           | 459                        | 31  |           | 454                        |
| 32  |           | 421                        | 33  |           | 454                        |
| 34  |           | 407                        | 35  |           | 471                        |
| 36  |           | 407                        | 37  |           | 443                        |
| 38  |           | 441                        | 39  |           | 429                        |

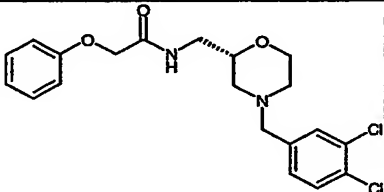
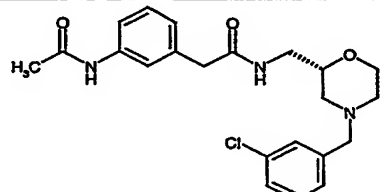
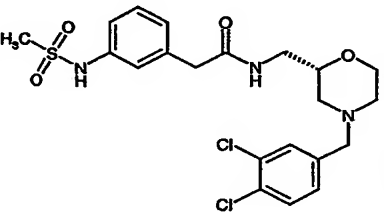
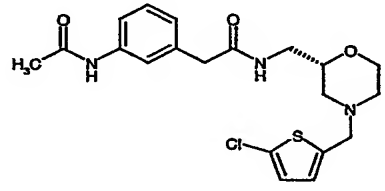
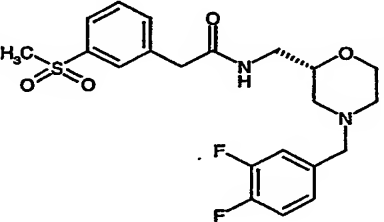
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|----|---|-----|----|--|-----|
| 40 |    | 437 | 41 |    | 442 |
| 42 |    | 500 | 43 |    | 482 |
| 44 |   | 421 | 45 |   | 480 |
| 46 |  | 400 | 47 |  | 468 |
| 48 |  | 421 | 49 |  | 478 |

|    |   |     |    |  |     |
|----|---|-----|----|--|-----|
| 50 |    | 439 | 51 |    | 478 |
| 52 |    | 450 | 53 |    | 464 |
| 54 |   | 486 | 55 |   | 464 |
| 56 |  | 421 | 57 |  | 464 |
| 58 |  | 421 | 59 |  | 500 |
| 60 |  | 437 | 61 |  | 500 |

|    |  |     |    |  |     |
|----|--|-----|----|--|-----|
| 62 |  | 419 | 63 |  | 500 |
| 64 |  | 433 | 65 |  | 464 |
| 66 |  | 415 | 67 |  | 465 |
| 68 |  | 422 | 69 |  | 478 |
| 70 |  | 443 | 71 |  | 464 |
| 72 |  | 407 | 73 |  | 451 |

|    |   |     |    |  |     |
|----|---|-----|----|--|-----|
| 74 |    | 441 | 75 |    | 452 |
| 76 |    | 447 | 77 |    | 452 |
| 78 |    | 485 | 79 |    | 464 |
| 80 |  | 443 | 81 |  | 400 |
| 82 |  | 439 | 83 |  | 418 |
| 84 |  | 564 | 85 |  | 450 |



|    |  |     |    |  |     |
|----|--|-----|----|--|-----|
|    |  |     |    |  |     |
| 86 |   | 409 | 87 |  | 416 |
| 88 |   | 486 | 89 |  | 422 |
| 90 |  | 439 |    |  |     |

Synthetic Method A was used for the preparation of Examples 35, 44, 46, 48, 52, 54, 56, 58, 62, 67, 68, 70, 75, 77, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 88, 89, 78, 80, 60, 66, and 82.

Synthetic Method A (alternative procedure) was used for the preparation of Examples 30, 32, 34, 36, 72, 74, 76, 38, and 42.

Synthetic Method B was used for the preparation of Examples 65, 79, 73, 69, and 71.

Synthetic Method C was used for the preparation of Examples 45, 63, 59, 61, 47, 84, and 43.

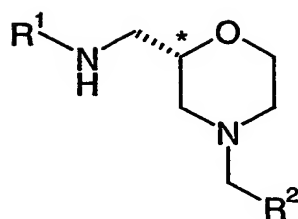
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Synthetic Method E was used for the preparation of Example 40.

Synthetic Method G was used for the preparation of Examples 49, 55, 57, 51, and 53.

Synthetic Method H was used for the preparation of Example 37.  
Synthetic Method I was used for the preparation of Example 39.  
Synthetic Method J was used for the preparation of Example 41.

Table 5



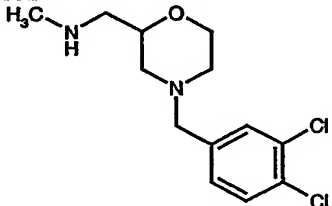
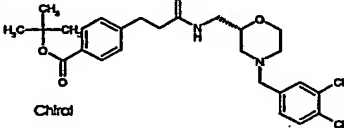
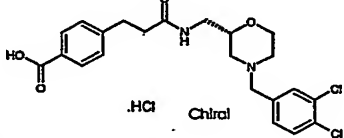
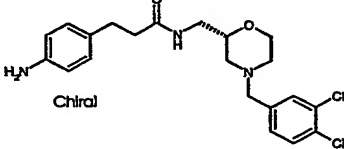
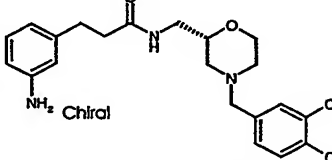
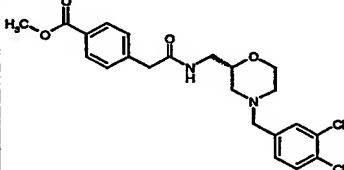
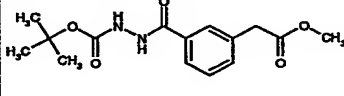
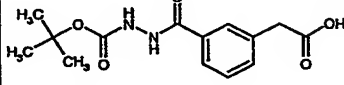
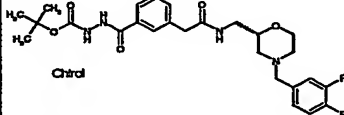
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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
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| 12              | H              | 3-Cl,4-F-Ph    | S                          |
| 17              | tBuOCO-        | 3-Cl,4-F-Ph    | S                          |

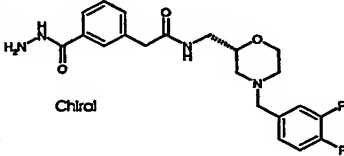
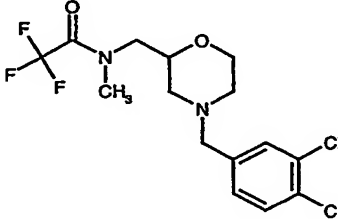
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|-----------------|-----------|
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| 14              |           |
| 15              |           |
| 16              |           |

Table 7

| Description No. | Structure |
|-----------------|-----------|
|-----------------|-----------|

| Description No. | Structure   |
|-----------------|---|
| 18              |                 |
| 20              | <br>Chiral      |
| 21              | <br>.HCl Chiral |
| 22              | <br>Chiral     |
| 23              | <br>Chiral    |
| 24              | <br>Chiral    |
| 25              | <br>Chiral    |
| 26              | <br>Chiral    |
| 27              | <br>Chiral    |

| Description<br>No. | Structure  |
|--------------------|--|
| 28                 | <br>Chiral |
| 29                 |            |